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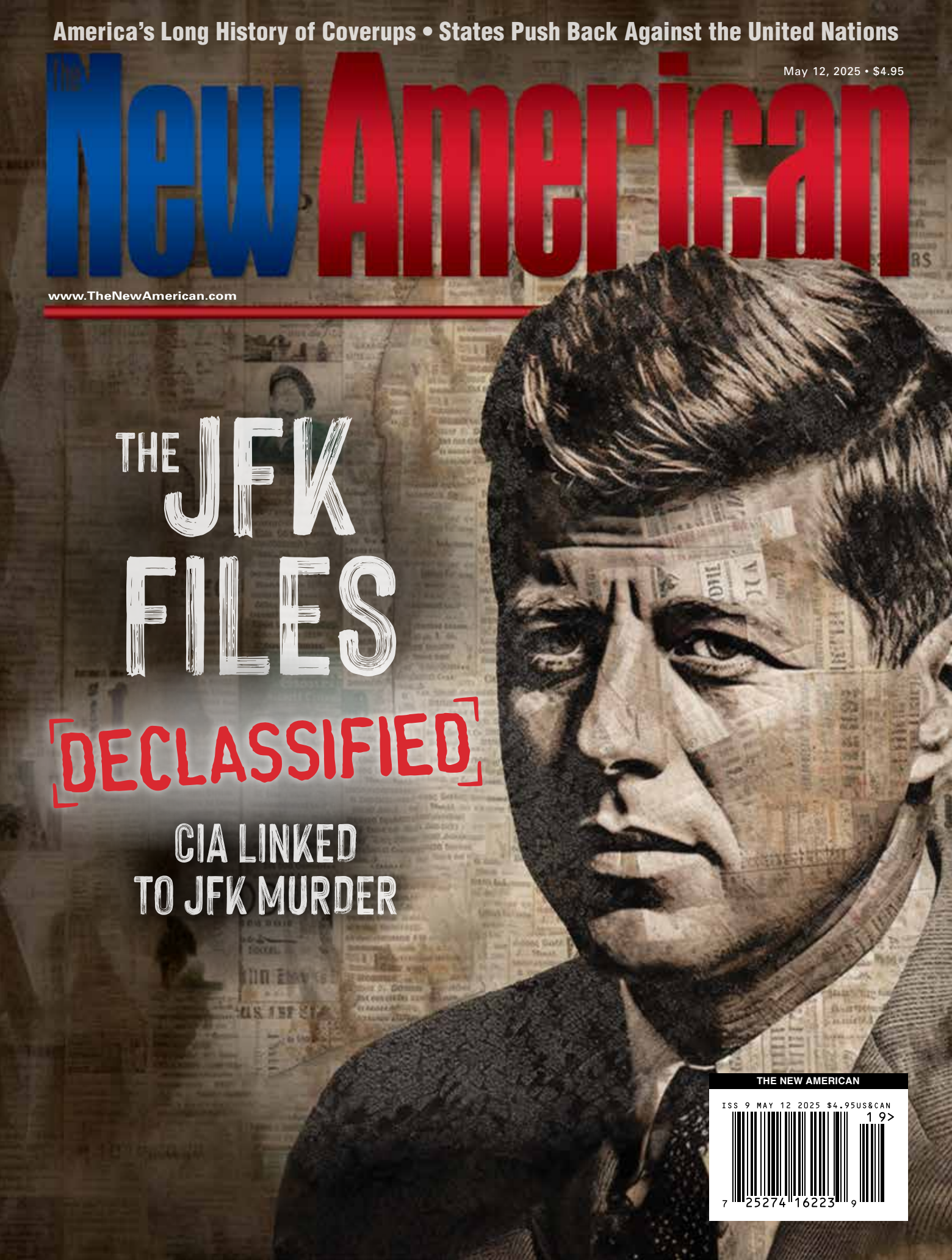

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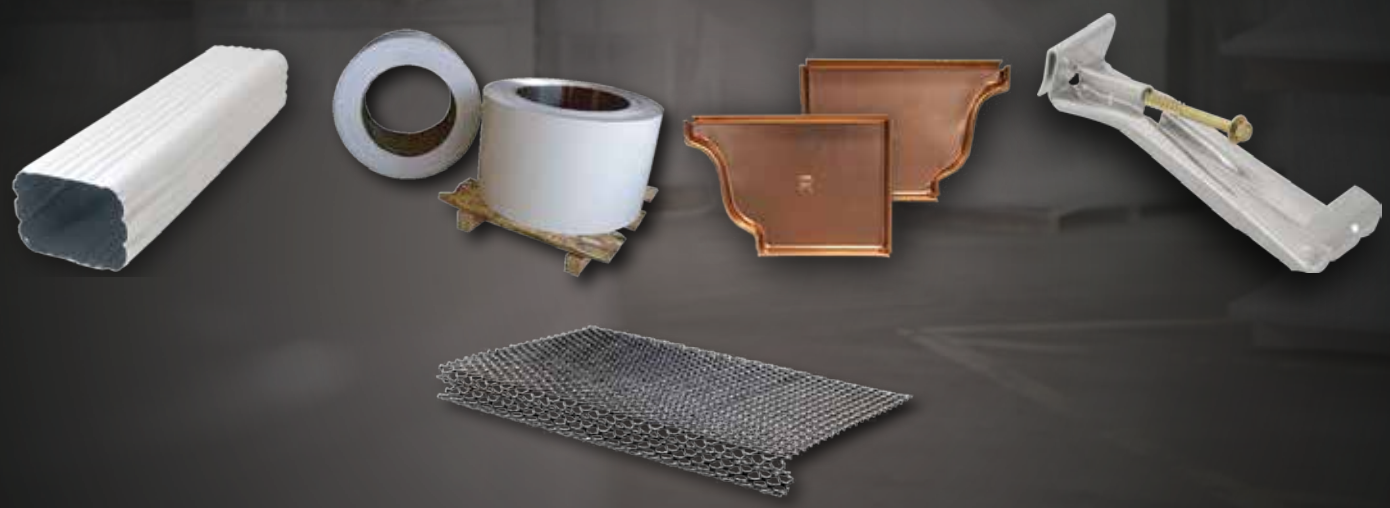

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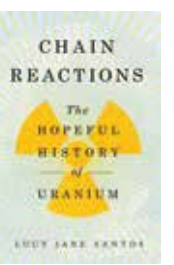

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Government Liars

Do you trust the government? There was a time in our country's history, within living memory of many, when a solid majority of Americans could sincerely answer "yes" to that question.

That, unfortunately, is no longer the case for most Americans. According to a 2024 Pew Research survey, only 21 percent of Americans polled said they trusted the U.S. government to do what is right "most of the time." A mere two percent said they "almost always" trust the government to do what is right. Naturally, that level of trust is higher when a person's preferred political party is in power, but it's still universally well below 50 percent.

What happened? Several factors can be blamed. Government ineptitude is one. Salacious stories of politicians involved in scandals is another. The general impression that politicians waste time fighting "the other side" rather than "getting things done" is yet another.

But perhaps the biggest factor leading to this lack of trust is the fact that Americans know their government lies to them.

Some of these are simple lies such as politicians promising one thing during campaign season, only to do something completely different once in office. This is annoying, but can be chalked up to mere political expediency. Much worse are the Big Lies that government engages in, i.e., when government officials do something that they know the American people would not be happy with — and then lie to cover it up.

Perhaps one of the most well-known coverups is that regarding the Kennedy assassination. For decades, the government and media have sold Americans the "official version" of that event. Of course, there has always been something of a cottage industry of various conspiracy theories, some more credible than others, regarding Kennedy's murder. But the recent release of the JFK files by Trump's executive order has shed more light on many facets of the event. Americans have now seen proof that, yes, there was much that the government didn't tell us. And yes, the "official narrative" was inaccurate, to say the least. In our cover story for this issue, R. Cort Kirkwood examines the JFK files and what their release means for Americans.

But the JFK assassination is just the tip of the iceberg. Other coverups abound throughout American history. Our second article in this issue's cover-story package, by Paul Dragu, is a brief history of U.S. government coverups. We examine a handful of pivotal events, such as the sinking of the USS *Maine*, the sinking of the RMS *Lusitania*, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the post-WWII Operation Keelhaul, and the Gulf of Tonkin incident, as well as the attempts by the U.S. government to hide the truth about these events from the American people.

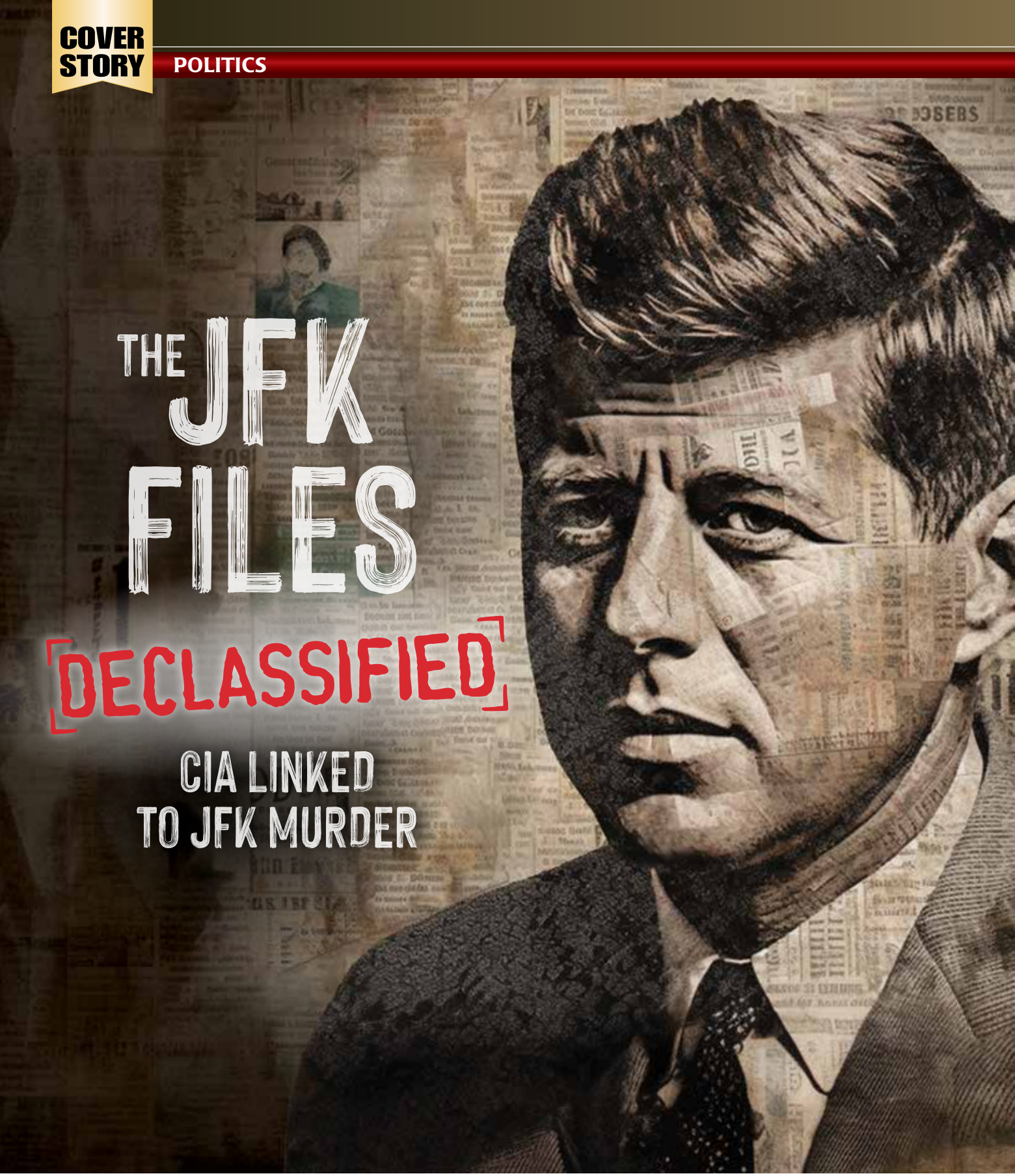
Of course, many longtime readers of *The New American* know that the U.S. government lies and commits coverups. But what can be done about it? How should we react? Sitting in our basements wearing tinfoil hats is obviously not the solution. Complaining about it and checking out of society and refusing to vote is not a good option, either. Nor is supporting, encouraging, or planning some sort of armed uprising against the U.S. government.

What we should do is have a mature, intelligent attitude about the problem. We know that governments — including ours — lie to their people. This should come as no surprise; after all, governments are made up of people, and some people lie — particularly people seeking power and influence. This is precisely why our Founders wanted to keep the U.S. government as small and as decentralized as possible.

Getting our government to abide by the Constitution is the best solution to the problem of corruption, lies, and coverups. Of course, this will not guarantee there will be no more lies and coverups, but it will minimize their frequency and deleterious effects.

To start with, educating fellow Americans and spreading the truth about our government is the best solution — after all, an educated, informed populace is much more likely to elect honest, principled, constitutionalist politicians to Congress. That is precisely the goal of *The New American* magazine and its parent organization, The John Birch Society. As JBS founder Robert Welch remarked, "Education is our total strategy, and truth is our only weapon."

— John T. Larabell



The recently declassified JFK files indicate CIA involvement, and that top officials lied regarding details of the assassination.

by R. Cort Kirkwood

The newly released files about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963 do not prove, as some allege, that the CIA was behind the murder. Yet they do show that the CIA might at least be partly responsible for it, and that agency headquarters in Langley, Virginia, and the halls of Congress were the scene of several crimes, some of them felonies.

The crimes were perjuries during sworn testimony from the late James Jesus Angleton, former head of counterintelligence for the CIA; and agency employees including Director John McCone and Deputy Director Richard Helms. The intelligence agency that grew out of the World War II Office of Strategic Services, first headed by deep stater Allen Dulles, was, as many believe, a rogue operation.

As JFK assassination expert and former *Washington Post* reporter Jefferson Morley wrote on his Substack, "the fact pattern emerging from the new JFK documents shows that a small clique in CIA counterintelligence was responsible for JFK's assassination." Morley doesn't argue that a CIA agent pulled the trigger. But he does say the agency was "responsible for, or complicit in" Kennedy's assassination.

Beyond those files are others that raise questions about Angleton's link to Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, and the possibility that he transferred nuclear secrets to Israel, having supposedly been exposed by Tad Szulc of *The New York Times*. CIA agents believed Szulc was a communist and likely Red agent, which raises the possibility that his work was at best propaganda and at worst outright Soviet disinformation to wreck Angleton and poison the U.S. relationship with Israel.

One problem with the last document dump is its sheer volume — some 20,000 pages, as Morley observed. It might take researchers years to fully digest, catalog, and tease out their implications in full.

The Latest

Though new documents have surfaced, a previously released-but-redacted document that fingered the CIA as responsible hit social media almost immediately. The declassified document details an incendiary allegation from CIA agent John Garrett "Gary" Underhill, Jr. that appeared in *Ramparts* magazine in 1967. "The day after the assassination, Gary Underhill left Washington in a hurry," the document says, reprising *Ramparts*:

> He was very agitated. A small clique within the CIA was responsible for the assassination, he confided, and he was afraid for his life and probably would have to leave the country. Less than six months later Underhill was found shot to death in his Washington apartment. The coroner ruled it suicide.

The *Ramparts* article also noted that Underhill was one of the "un-people" the CIA used for assignments, and that he was friends with a man called Samuel Cummings, the chieftain of Interarmco, an arms dealer that numbered the CIA among its customers. Another customer: Klein's Sporting Goods in Chicago. That just happened to have been the store from which Lee Harvey Oswald purchased the Carcano rifle with which he supposedly shot Kennedy from the Texas School Book Depository as the president's limousine motored through Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas.

"The friends whom Underhill visited say he was sober but badly shook," the article continued:

> They say he attributed the Kennedy murder to a CIA clique which was carrying on a lucrative racket in gunrunning, narcotics and other contraband, and manipulating political intrigue to serve its own ends. Kennedy supposedly got wind that something was going on and was killed before he could "blow the whistle on it." Although the friends had always known Underhill to be perfectly rational and objective, they at first didn't take his account seriously. "I think to me the main reason was," explained the husband, "that we couldn't believe that the CIA could contain a corrupt element every bit as ruthless — and more efficient — as the mafia."

The report said Underhill's death was not "convincing," the article continued. A writer friend who toiled at *The New Republic* found Underhill shot behind the left ear, which was "odd," the friend said, because Underhill was right-handed. The writer believed the gun had a silencer. Neighbors didn't hear a gunshot. The article claimed that the CIA was "honeycombed with self-contained cliques operating without any real central control."

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CIA plot? Kennedy assassination expert Jefferson Morley says the CIA was "responsible for, or complicit in" the president's murder on November 22, 1963.

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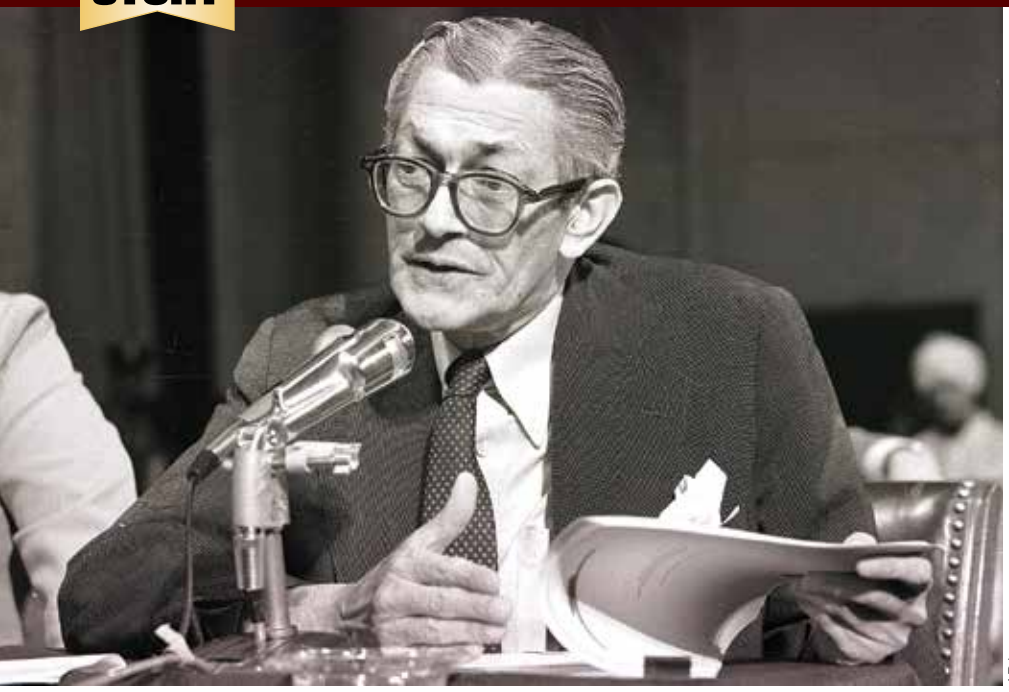

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Coverup: CIA Chief of Counterintelligence James Jesus Angleton lied when he testified that the agency did not have extensive surveillance of Lee Harvey Oswald. In fact, Oswald was the target of the CIA's surveillance of mail to and from the Soviet Union.

Thus, Underhill's "chilling" tale was hardly beyond belief.

In January 1968, *Ramparts* published a 25-page report about the assassination investigation of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who speculated that a CIA-backed right-wing cabal murdered Kennedy. Garrison tried a New Orleans businessman, Clay Shaw, for the assassination. A jury acquitted Shaw less than an hour after the trial concluded. Hollywood director Oliver Stone turned Garrison's book *On the Trail of Assassins* — which claimed the Warren Commission lied about the murder — into the film *JFK*, which in turn led to the passage of the Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992.

After Underhill's suspicious death, "when an old friend wrote to Underhill's widow asking about his demise, the reply came from an official of a now defunct Washington [company], Falcon Aeronautics, Inc., which smacks of having been an ad hoc CIA front," the second *Ramparts* piece reported:

> The official dismissed Underhill's allegations with the comment that they were "similar to those flights of his imagination which he had during the last year or so of his life."

The difference between the redacted Underhill document and the new one is information about Cummings, a CIA agent since 1950 who purchased arms for the agency to distribute to "resistance elements behind the Iron Curtain." In 1954, Cummings became the "principal agent" for Interarmco, which the CIA owned and sold to Cummings. Other details are mundane.

Lies to Warren Commission, House Committee

The Underhill story segues to Morley's remarkable findings thanks to the latest documents release. An FBI memorandum to top FBI official Alan Belmont, dated January 22, 1958, details the CIA's Project Hunter, a massive mail-surveillance operation managed by Angleton. He told the FBI that it was "one of the biggest and most secret operations of the CIA." Angleton confessed to the bureau that 200-300 agents were monitoring mail at a cost of $1 million. And he would lose his job if CIA higher-ups learned that he spilled the beans. CIA man Reuben Efron managed the surveillance.

That operation vacuumed correspondence between the Soviet Union and the United States, including Oswald's, whose extensive CIA file was released in 2023.

When Angleton testified to the House Select Committee on Assassinations on October 5, 1978, he claimed that the agency had never monitored the would-be assassin.

In fact, "the CIA's complete pre-assassination Oswald file runs to 185 pages," Morley told the U.S. House Oversight Committee on April 1, 2025:

> In the fall of 1963, all this information was held in one place: the office of CIA counterintelligence chief James Angleton at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, not five miles away from the Kennedy White House.…
>
> Another newly declassified document showed that Angleton lied under oath about what he knew about the mail surveillance of Oswald. He was responding to rapid fire questions from Michael Goldsmith, counsel for the HSCA.

"To your knowledge, was Oswald ever the subject of a CIA project," Goldsmith asked.

Angleton: No.

Goldsmith: Do you know Rueben Efron?

Angleton: Yes.

Goldsmith: Do you know what responsibilities he had?

Angleton: Mail intercept.

Continued Morley to the committee:

> Angleton lied in answering because his answers to the second and third questions was truthful. The newly declassified memos show that
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> 1) [he] created the "mail coverage" program.
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> 2) he ran it from 1953 on.
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> 3) he hired Reuben Efron for the job of deputy director of the project.
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> 4) he ordered mail surveillance of Oswald in November 1959.
>
> 5) In July 1962, Efron reported to his superiors on Oswald's latest correspondence.
>
> The combination of the newly declassified documents makes the conclusion unavoidable: Angleton lied under oath about the mail coverage of Oswald.

Morley also showed that Richard Helms, deputy director of the CIA when Kennedy was hit, lied to the Warren Commission, as did his boss, Director John McCone.

McCone told the commission that the agency had "little information" in its files, with Helms adding that crucial information was "probably minimal." Morley's testimony about Helms and McCone comports with a CIA report that was declassified in 2014. It concluded that McCone plotted a "benign cover-up" because he hid important information from the commission, including material about the CIA's attempts to murder Castro with the help of the Mafia. McCone said he would "handle the whole (commission) business myself, directly." McCone saw to it that the agency's cooperation with the commission was "passive, reactive and selective."

Yet the agency, again, had assembled more than 180 pages for its Oswald dossier.

"The record now shows that the FBI had sent 12 reports on Oswald to the CIA between 1960 and 1963, two of which landed on Angleton's desk in mid-November 1963," Morley testified. "Angleton's aide, Jane Roman, initialed routing slips on November 14 and 15 1963, indicating the reports had been delivered to the counterintelligence chief."

So those are two CIA deceptions to the Warren Commission about the assassination. A third, revealed 20 years ago, Morley told the panel, came from George Joannides, an agent detailed to the assassinations committee to get requested CIA files.

Chief of covert operations in Miami, Florida, "he ran a Cuban student group (known by the Spanish acronym DRE) that was funded by the CIA under a covert action program codenamed AMSPELL," Morley testified:

> His agents in New Orleans and Miami engaged in political action against Oswald's pro-Castro activism, and generated propaganda about him both before and after Kennedy was killed.

Yet Joannides told an assassination panel investigator that he knew nothing of the program. His lie surfaced in 2001, which prompted the late Robert G. Blakey, chief counsel to the panel, to accuse Joannides of criminal obstruction in an interview with PBS's *Frontline*.

Said Blakey:

> I was not told of Joannides' background with the DRE, a focal point of the investigation. Had I known who he was, he would have been a witness who would have been interrogated under oath by the staff or by the committee. He would never have been acceptable as a point of contact with us to retrieve documents. In fact, I have now learned, as I note above, that Joannides was the point of contact between the Agency and DRE during the period Oswald was in contact with DRE.
>
> That the Agency would put a "material witness" in as a "filter" between the committee and its quests for documents was a flat-out breach of the understanding the committee had with the Agency that it would cooperate with the investigation.

The lies from Helms, Joannides, and Angleton, Morley told the Oversight members, add up to one thing: a coverup. "One false statement might be incompetence," he said:

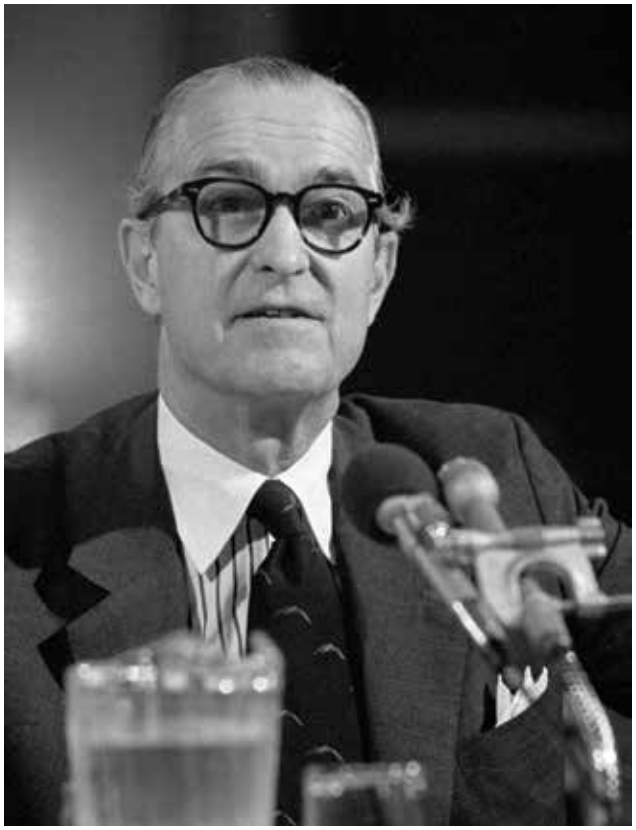
> A second false statement could be construed as CYA for the first. But three false statements by top CIA officers about Kennedy's killer? Three makes a pattern, a pattern of malfeasance of institutional misconduct.

Thus, Morley concluded to the Oversight panel, the three CIA men were either "responsible for, or complicit in, JFK's death, either by criminal negligence or covert action."

Speaking to Glenn Greenwald on his *System Update* podcast, Morley recalled that tension in the Kennedy administration over his Cuba policy climaxed in the Oval Office just days before Kennedy was murdered. "Helms was trying to pressure Kennedy into a more aggressive Cuba policy and four days before the assassination Richard Helms brought a machine gun into the Oval Office as a way of convincing President Kennedy to take a more aggressive stance," Morley told the podcaster:

> And when you read Kennedy's account of it, it's hard not to believe that he understood that he was being threatened.… [T]hink about that. The … Deputy CIA director is demonstrating to the president [that] your security perimeter is not secure.… That's four days before President Kennedy was killed.

The two men also wondered about Dulles' landing on the Warren Commission. After all, Kennedy had fired him for the botched attempt to overthrow the



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Subterfuge: Richard Helms, deputy director of the CIA, lied when he said the CIA's information on Oswald was "probably minimal." In fact, the CIA's Oswald dossier ran to more than 180 pages.

communist regime of Fidel Castro with the invasion at the Bay of Pigs on April 17, 1961.

Jack Ruby, Jolly West, and MKUltra

Another document that shows a CIA link to the assassination — unconnected to the latest release but available in documents stored at the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza — concerns Louis Jolyon "Jolly" West. He was the notorious CIA psychiatrist who helped run the agency's illegal MKUltra program. That renegade operation involved dosing unsuspecting Americans with LSD, among other drugs, and using torture, including sleep deprivation and sexual abuse, to extract information "from presumably unwilling subjects," as West explained in a memorandum about MKUltra to CIA chieftain Sidney Gottlieb. He began the project on orders from the first CIA director, Allen Dulles.

As Tom O'Neill and Dan Piepenbring reported in *Chaos: Charles Manson, the CIA, and the Secret History of the Sixties*, West also proposed "techniques for implanting false information in particular subjects … or for inducing in them specific mental disorders." West also "wanted to reverse someone's belief system without his knowledge, and make it stick," the two writers explained.

That relates to Jack Ruby, the nightclub owner and mob associate who famously murdered suspect Oswald in front of a camera two days after the Kennedy assassination. Ruby claimed he couldn't remember killing Oswald when cops pounced on him, *Chaos* explained. "What am I doing here?" he asked. "What are you guys jumping on me for?" he asked of the cops who restrained him. Ruby was, they said, in a "fugue state."

MKUltra's West asked the judge who empaneled Ruby's grand jury, Joe B. Brown, if he, West, could examine Ruby, O'Niell and Piepenbring wrote. Brown said no. When Ruby was sentenced to death, he fired his attorney and hired another: lawyer-psychiatrist Hubert Winston Smith. He brought in West. Given his studies of brainwashed American prisoners of war, Smith wrote, the two writers revealed, "West could use his 'highly qualified' skills as a hypnotist and administrator of the 'truth serum sodium pentothal' to help Ruby regain his memory of the shooting."

The night before West examined him, Ruby rammed his head into a wall, a vain attempt to kill himself. The wound only required a "little merthiolate." After West interviewed Ruby, the MKUltra psychiatrist wrote that Ruby was insane. "Last night the patient became convinced that all the Jews in America were being slaughtered," West wrote, in a "retaliation against him, Jack Ruby, the Jew who is responsible for 'all the trouble.'"

Continued West:

> Somehow, through an awful mistake, and the distortions and misunderstandings derived from his murder trial, the president's assassination and its aftermath were now being blamed on him. Thus, he himself was now also the cause of the massacre of "25 million innocent people." He had seen his own brother tortured, horribly mutilated, castrated, and burned in the street outside the jail; he could still hear the screams. He had seen and heard many other similar horrors. The orders for this terrible "pogrom" must have come from Washington to permit the police to carry out the mass murders without federal troops being called out or involved.…
>
> At this time, Mr. Ruby is obviously psychotic. He is completely preoccupied with his delusions of persecution of the Jews on his account. He feels hopeless, worthless, and guilty because he is to blame for the mass murders of his own people. The experiences of last night are not only grossly delusional, but include auditory and visual hallucinations as well. His emotions are abnormal; feelings of anxiety, depression, guilt, suspiciousness and despair are expressed in various proportions. Often the affect is inappropriate to the ideas accompanying them.…
>
> Jack Ruby is technically insane at this time. He is not now capable of cooperating intelligently in his own defense.

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Dissembling: George Joannides, CIA liaison to the House Assassinations Committee, said he knew nothing about a covert operation in Miami that targeted Oswald's pro-Castro propaganda. In fact, Joannides ran the program.

West diagnosed Ruby with "acute psychotic reaction" with a "paranoid state." Yet O'Neill and Piepenbring also offered other remarkable facts relative to the West-Ruby interview. Going forward after West's visit, "every doctor" who examined Ruby found him "delusional." But West wasn't the first headshrinker who examined him. Other psychiatrists *before West* who examined Ruby — "nearly half a dozen" — found him "essentially compos mentis." That means he was sane. That obvious observation suggests that West — again,

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Fall guy: Lee Harvey Oswald, according to the "official" narrative, was the lone gunman who killed Kennedy. Many have doubted this over the decades since the assassination, and now the release of the JFK files indicate that there is much more to the story.

the MKUltra operative — drugged Ruby and *drove him insane*, or that Ruby was an MKUltra robot on a mission. Another story the two writers reprised explains.

On July 4, 1954, Jimmy Shaver, an airman at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas — *where Jolly West was stationed* — was charged with the rape and murder of a three-year-old girl, Chere Jo Horton. After her disappearance from a car outside a bar, where her parents left her to go in for a drink, a search party found another car "with her underwear hanging from the door." They eventually found Shaver, "shirtless, covered in blood and scratches," the writers explained:

> Making no attempt to escape, he let the search party walk him to the edge of the highway. Bystanders described him as "dazed" and "trance-like."
>
> "What's going on here?" he asked. He didn't seem drunk, but he couldn't say where he was, how'd he gotten there, or whose blood was all over him. Meanwhile, the search party found Horton's body in the gravel pit. Her neck was broken, her legs had been torn open, and she'd been raped.

Two months after his arrest, Shaver still remembered nothing. West hypnotized Shaver and injected him with sodium thiopental. He confessed to murdering Horton after myriad leading questions. Shaver had been temporarily insane the night he supposedly murdered Horton, West said, but afterward was "quite sane." Maybe that is why Shaver maintained his innocence until he was executed, after retrial, on his 33rd birthday in 1958.

What no one in the trial except West knew, however, was that he had conducted MKUltra experiments on "unwitting patients" at Lackland. All the records for patients at the base hospital in 1954 appeared in its master index except those with surnames beginning with "Sa" through "St."

"Articles and court testimony," O'Neill and Piepenbring wrote, "described Shaver's mental state just as West had described his experiments the previous summer: amnesia and trance states, a man violating his moral code with no memory of doing so. And West had written that he planned to experiment on Lackland Airmen for projects that "must eventually be put to test in practical trials in the field."

Recall what Ruby said after the Oswald murder when cops subdued him: "What am I doing here? What are you guys jumping on me for?" He was in a "fugue state." Or, like Shaver, "dazed" and "trance-like."

Szulc, Angleton, and Nuclear Secrets

Other documents also raise questions about Angleton. His lie to the House Assassinations Committee isn't the only intrigue that might link him to the Kennedy assassination. As with the renewed interest in the already-released Underhill documents, the latest release raised again previously released testimony of Angleton and *New York Times* reporter Tad Szulc before the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities — the famous Church Committee of the 1970s. The committee not only investigated CIA assassination plots but also disclosed the doings of MKUltra.

The committee called Szulc to testify on June 10, 1975 about a forthcoming article in *Penthouse* magazine. Szulc disclosed the CIA's transfer of nuclear secrets, including fissionable plutonium, to Israel. "Angleton told me that essentially this information was correct," Szulc told the committee about such an operation in the 1960s:

> The CIA delivered to the Israeli government classified information, technical knowledge know-how, the services of distinguished physicists and fissionable material in the form of plutonium to assist in the development of an Israeli nuclear weapon at the Dimona Israeli testing grounds.

Szulc told the committee that Angleton was "rather taken aback" with Szulc's revelations. Still, he could "confirm it with two corrections." The transfer occurred in

the late 1950s after the Suez Canal War, and no *fissionable* plutonium went to the budding nuclear power.

When Angleton testified on June 19, 1975, he denied telling Szulc any such thing. The reporter's claims are "false," "totally false," and "absolutely false," the former CIA counterintelligence chief testified.

Other JFK documents show that Angleton was thick as thieves with Israeli intelligence. That led social media to explode with accusations that Angleton did, indeed, transfer the nuclear secrets. More supposed evidence that Angleton might not only have transferred the nuclear materials but also been working for the Mossad is Israel's honoring the former CIA man with a monument unveiled at a secret ceremony after he died. That link, some say, strongly suggests that the Israelis assassinated Kennedy because he had insisted on inspecting Israel's nuclear facilities and did not want Israel to become a nuclear power.

Yet as close to Israel as Angleton might have been, neither Szulc's nor Angleton's testimonies show that he transferred nuclear secrets. As well, an FBI memorandum dated February 14, 1977 and released in the latest batch suggests that Szulc might have concocted a yarn to destroy Angleton. The memo fingers Szulc, a Jewish immigrant from Poland, as a possible Red agent. After the exposure of the Philby-Burgess-Maclean spy ring that penetrated British intelligence, Angleton greatly feared a similar security breach inside the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies. Exposing Angleton as an Israeli agent of influence might destroy him, and remove the main obstacle to Soviet penetration of U.S. intelligence.

The memorandum reported that Szulc was naturalized in 1954 by a "special bill" but "has been under suspicion as a hostile foreign agent since 1948 when the FBI reported (apparently from a British source) that he was a Communist."

In 1959 in Santiago, Chile, he falsely told a CIA agent that he was "cleared" to interview agency sources. "This was the first of many such incidents in Latin America, and resulted in a warning to all Latin American Stations to beware of SZULC and his efforts to interview Agency personnel." Szulc's lie ended in surveillance given that his attempts to interview CIA sources might blow their cover.

"By 1960 his reputation was so widespread that several different CIA officers called for an investigation that would clear up 'once and for all' his suspected connections with a hostile intelligence service," the memo says:

> He was in frequent contact with Communist Party leaders and functionaries throughout Latin America, constantly sought out and elicited information from U.S. Embassy officers, frequently mentioning the name of other CIA officers with whom he was acquainted.

Whether Szulc was a communist spy was never proved, but he remained a strong suspect, among other reasons, because of what British sources told the CIA. A source in Rio de Janeiro "reported that he was 'directed' by the Polish regime in Warsaw to seek employment in U.S. journalistic circles," the memo says:

> This report runs like a thread throughout his file.… This report and other questions that arose early in his career (his contacts with a cousin who was a Press Attache in the Polish Embassy in Rio) were, however, just the earliest elements that aroused suspicion.

Szulc's reportage — undoubtedly including the Angleton allegations in *Penthouse* — were such that a "senior operations officer stated in 1975 that a Soviet agent could not be more beneficial to the Soviets and the Communist cause than SZULC has been." From there, the memorandum lists the reason to suspect Szulc, including his passing information to the Polish delegation in Rio and his pro-Castro and anti-CIA stories.

"The case against Tad SZULC as a foreign agent is weak," the memorandum says:

> However, his most recent activities are entirely consonant with the view that he has already served the Soviets well and can end his career as an overt propagandist.

Angleton died in 1987; Szulc in 2001. One or both took their secret to the grave.

But now that more Kennedy files have been disinterred, perhaps Americans might get the full story about the assassination, even if they learn only that Oswald did murder Kennedy thanks to the CIA's willful negligence and hugger mugger. ■

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False diagnosis: Mob associate Jack Ruby (in handcuffs) murdered Lee Harvey Oswald, then tried suicide in his jail cell. Louis Jolyon "Jolly" West, a CIA psychiatrist involved in the agency's unlawful MKUltra program, declared that Ruby was insane after an interview. West's MKUltra experiments included using drugs to induce "amnesia and trance states" in his subjects, and causing a man to trespass his moral code but not remember doing so. Before West, however, other psychiatrists said Ruby was sane.

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AMERICA'S LONG HISTORY OF COVERUPS

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Governments lie — even ours! From the sinking of the USS *Maine* to the travesty in the Gulf of Tonkin, the powers that be have gone to incredible lengths to advance their agenda.

by Paul Dragu

While most Americans know of the conspiracy to cover up the truth about President John F. Kennedy's assassination, that was not the first or only time the government lied to the people.

Elements within the U.S. government and its supporting cast in media have lied about key aspects of some of the most pivotal events in U.S. history. And, in most cases, the "official story" persists to this day.

We're going to look at five especially egregious coverups in U.S. history. Of course, if space permitted, many more could have been chosen.

Who Really Blew Up the USS *Maine*?

On February 15, 1898, an explosion destroyed the USS *Maine* while it was docked in Cuba's Havana port. The explosion killed 266 of 355 crew members, including two officers. The media immediately told Americans that Spain committed the act. But the evidence was nowhere near conclusive that that was the case. Nevertheless, the American press, especially newspapers with the largest audiences, made little to no mention of information suggesting the blast might have been caused by something within the ship, which would have absolved the Spanish.

The tragedy of the *Maine* was used as the main pretext for America's war against Spain, which at the time was trying to suppress an uprising by Cuban revolutionaries seeking to dislodge their colonial masters from the island.

The *Maine* sailed into Havana on January 25, less than a month before it was destroyed. Researcher and author James Perloff explained in his *TNA* article "Spanish-American War: Trial Run for Interventionism" that her arrival was surprising to Spain as well as the U.S. Consul General. The decision to send her was made the previous day during a White House meeting during which no one kept minutes.

After the explosion, a Navy board of inquiry headed by Captain William Sampson concluded an external mine caused the blast. But it didn't assign blame. Moreover, some Navy officers disagreed with the board's conclusion. They believed the ship's magazines, compartments that stored ammunition and explosives, were ignited by a fire in a coal bunker inside the ship. The Spanish, in their own investigation, determined the same thing. Also, Admiral Hyman G. Rickover reinforced this theory in 1974 after he carried out a private investigation. He wrote a book titled *How the Maine Was Destroyed* in which he condemned Sampson for not talking to technical experts before the Navy attributed the blast to a mine.

Despite no conclusive evidence, the American press worked overtime to make sure the public believed Spain was guilty. The coverup, in this case, seems to have been largely perpetrated by the media. This was during the era of sensational propaganda-news known as "yellow journalism," not unlike today's mainstream media

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"fake news." It was a time when William Randolph Hearst's *New York Journal* and Joseph Pulitzer's *New York World* were sparring to be the undisputed champion of dishonest journalism.

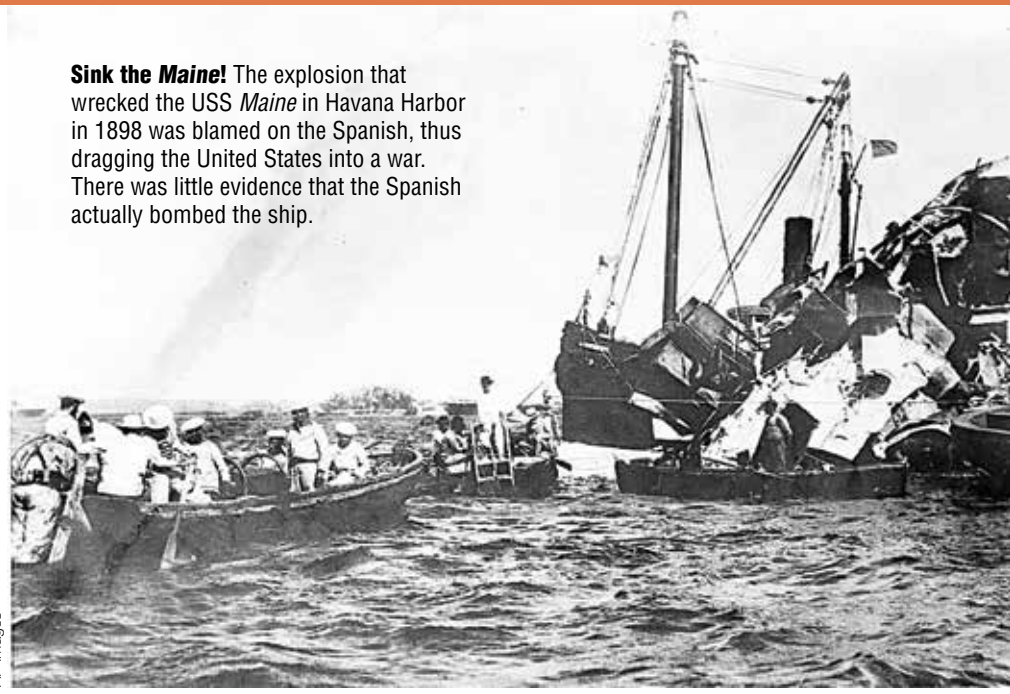
Two days after the explosion, long before the Navy concluded its investigation, the *Journal* ran the headline, "Destruction of the War Ship Maine Was the Work of an Enemy." The next day, it announced, "The War Ship Maine Split in Two by an Enemy's Secret Infernal Machine." And just a few days after the Navy's investigation blamed an external explosion but no one in particular, a March 25 *Journal* headline bellowed "SPAIN GUILTY: DESTROYED BY A FLOATING MINE." Three days later, it announced, "CRISIS IS AT HAND: Cabinet in Session: Growing Belief in SPANISH TREACHERY." Given its large readership, the *Journal* and *World* essentially overpowered voices that cast doubt on the approved narrative.

The yellow media had been working to create a war with Spain long before the explosion. It ran false headlines about Spanish cruelty. Not that the Spanish were wholly blameless, but what the yellow media didn't report was that the revolutionaries, led by Máximo Gómez, were responsible for a great deal of the problems in Cuba. Gómez torched millions of acres of sugar cane and hanged or hacked to death Cubans who wouldn't support the cause. His men also looted and burned towns to the ground. He was mostly responsible for the famine that was wholly attributed to Spain.

Calls for war with Spain erupted in Congress, which eventually issued a resolution demanding Spain forfeit Cuba. But it couldn't. "If it relinquished Cuba," Perloff observed, "the Spanish government would have faced revolution at home."

Thus began the Spanish-American War. It took U.S. forces less than four months to defeat the Spanish. And when it was all said and done, the United States had strong-armed Spain into selling its other colonies — Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines — for $20 million.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the banksters had been working hard. Assistant Treasury Secretary Frank Vanderlip had negotiated a $200 million loan from National City Bank to pay for the war. National City was America's most powerful bank at the time. Its board included representatives of Rockefeller, Morgan, and Rothschild interests. Moreover, it just so happened that after the war, American elites took control of the sugar industry in Cuba.



Sink the *Maine*! The explosion that wrecked the USS *Maine* in Havana Harbor in 1898 was blamed on the Spanish, thus dragging the United States into a war. There was little evidence that the Spanish actually bombed the ship.

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Lusitania Coverup and U.S. Involvement in World War I

Just as the sinking of the *Maine* was used to propel the United States into the Spanish-American War, the tragedy of the RMS *Lusitania* was used to pull America into the First World War.

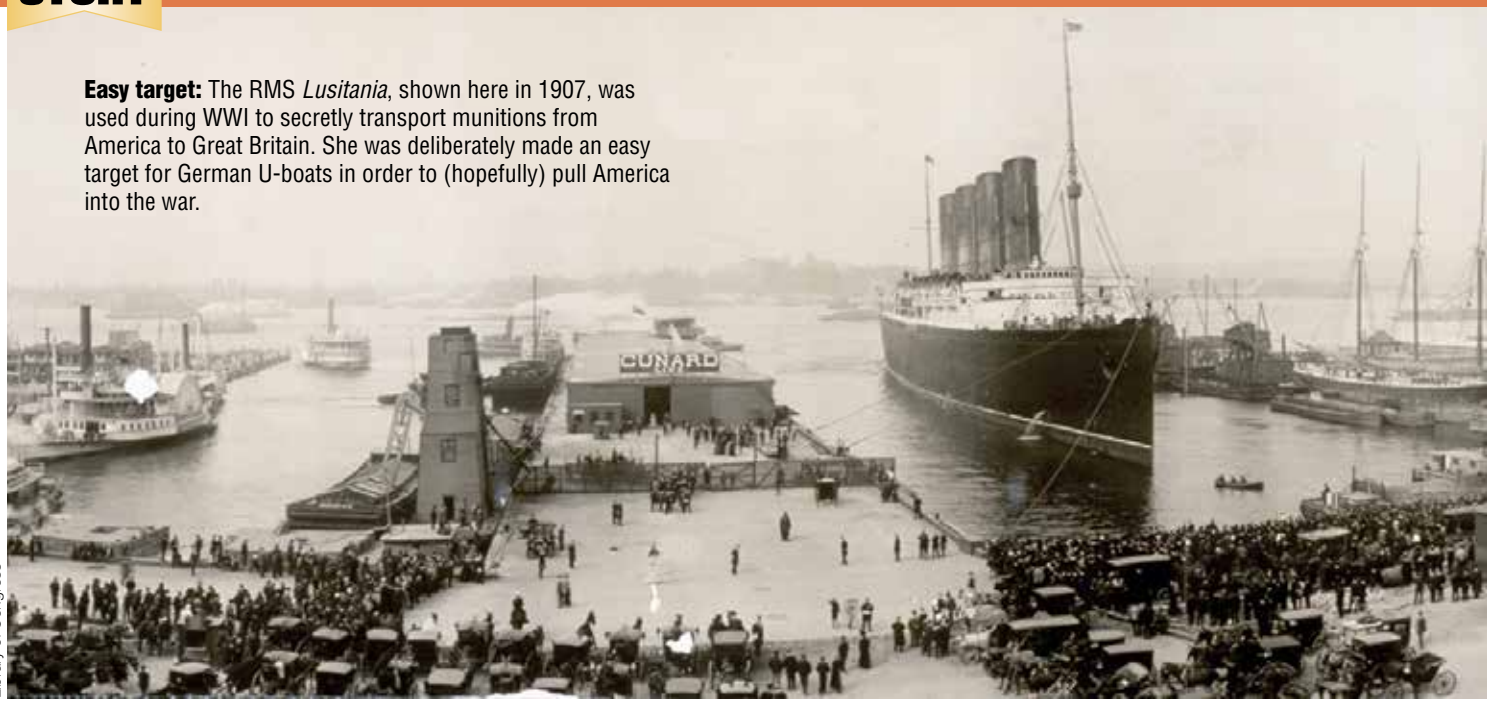
Great Britain and Germany had been at war since 1914. On May 7, 1915, a German submarine sank the British ocean liner RMS *Lusitania* off the southern coast of Ireland. The incident killed 1,200 people, 128 of them Americans. The calamity was sold to Americans as the barbaric and excessive slaughter of women and children. It was the main incident used to build public support for America's entrance into the First World War.

But before its sinking, no one learned that the *Lusitania* was ferrying munitions from the United States to England. The public also never learned that the *Lusitania* was purposefully put in harm's way. Moreover, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson refused to relay warnings issued from Germany to Americans not to travel near the British Isles.

The U.S. government didn't allow most munitions on passenger ships. But the British skirted the rule by lying on the ships' manifests. On May 7, 1915, the *Lusitania* was transporting six million rifle cartridges and more than 50 tons of shrapnel shells. Tons of pyroxyline, gun cotton that can explode when encountering sea water, were also on board.

Winston Churchill, who at the time headed the British Admiralty, wrote to President of the Board of Trade Walter Runciman that it was "most important to attract neutral shipping to our shores, in the hope especially of embroiling the United States with Germany," according to Donald E. Schmidt's *The Folly of War: American Foreign Policy.* The British had cracked Germany's naval codes, and intercepted radio signals revealed information about U-boat destinations and general areas of operation. According to Perloff in his May 21, 2014 article "False Flag at Sea,"

> On May 5 — two days before the tragedy — Winston Churchill met with Admiral Fisher (First Sea Lord), Admiral Oliver (Chief of Naval Staff), and Commander Joseph Kenworthy (Naval Intelligence), in the Admiralty's map room. Here a great grid showed locations of British ships and hostile ships, marked with pins. The map showed the *Lusitania* and U-20 on a collision course. What was said is unrecorded, but Kenworthy wrote in his postwar book *The Freedom of the Seas:* "The *Lusitania* was delib-



Easy target: The RMS *Lusitania*, shown here in 1907, was used during WWI to secretly transport munitions from America to Great Britain. She was deliberately made an easy target for German U-boats in order to (hopefully) pull America into the war.

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> erately sent at considerably reduced speed into an area where a U-boat was known to be waiting and with her escorts withdrawn."

On April 22, Germany ordered an alert to be placed in 50 U.S. newspapers. The notice warned travelers that the British Isles were a war zone and those sailing in the area did so at "their own risk." On April 26, German representative George Viereck met with Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, who cleared the notice for publication and urged President Woodrow Wilson to warn Americans. As noted above, Wilson did not do this.

In Britain, the Admiralty scapegoated the *Lusitania's* captain, William Turner, for the sinking. The director of the Admiralty's Trade Division, Richard Webb, issued a report saying Turner was "either utterly incompetent, or that he had been got at by the Germans," according to David Ramsay's *Lusitania: Saga and Myth*. Churchill piled on, saying, "We shall pursue the Captain without check," according to Colin Simpson's *The Lusitania*. Webb then wrote to Lord Mersey, a British jurist who presided over maritime investigations:

> I am directed by the Board of Admiralty to inform you that it is considered politically expedient that Captain Turner the master of the *Lusitania* be most prominently blamed for the disaster.

In the United States, Judge Julius Mayer held a hearing about the sinking of the ship, in which, again, 128 Americans lost their lives. By then, more people had learned the truth about the ship's cargo. American families who lost loved ones sued the Cunard Line, the owner of the *Lusitania*, for allowing civilians to sail on passenger boats with munitions. But evidence concerning the prohibited cargo was not heard at the hearing. One vital piece of evidence withheld was the *Lusitania*'s original manifest. President Wilson sealed it in an envelope and marked it, "Only to be opened by the President of the United States." He hid it in the archives of the Treasury Department. Judge Mayer, relying in part on Mersey's findings, ruled in favor of Cunard and against the claimants.

After Wilson was reelected in 1916, the United States entered the war in April 1917 on Britain's side, despite Wilson's popular campaign slogan "He kept us out of war." It was advertised as "the war to end all wars," and it wiped out more than 100,000 American lives. And after it was over, the first attempt at world government, the League of Nations, was born, albeit without the United States joining. The League was one of the Fourteen Points for the rebuilding of the post-war world. It got there because of Edward Mandell House, who was Wilson's official advisor and unofficial handler. However, the U.S. Senate refused to go along. House did the bidding of the same group of bankers who created the Federal Reserve Bank in 1913, and he was one of the founders of the world-government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations in 1921.

Roosevelt's Pearl Harbor Treachery

By the time the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, a clear pattern had emerged. As with the *Maine* and the *Lusitania*, tragedies that could have been averted were instead exploited to pull the United States into wars the American people previously wanted nothing to do with — and the truth was covered up.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, destroying eight American battleships and 188 U.S. planes and killing more than 2,000 servicemen. The next day, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt announced that "America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." He told the American people that up until then, the United States was at peace with Japan and was working hard to continue amicable relations.

But Roosevelt was lying. The attack was not a surprise, nor did his administration try to avoid war with Japan — just the opposite, in fact. Evidence suggests that the Roosevelt administration knowingly positioned the Pacific Fleet in a vulnerable area,

ignored several warnings and pieces of intelligence suggesting Pearl Harbor would be attacked, and did its best to antagonize an already-belligerent Japan.

After meeting with Roosevelt on October 16, 1941, Secretary of War Henry Stimson wrote in his diary, "We face the delicate question of the diplomatic fencing to be done so as to be sure Japan is put into the wrong and makes the first bad move — overt move." More than a month later, on November 25, he wrote, "The question was how we should maneuver them [the Japanese] into the position of firing the first shot."

Also, before the attack, a "neutral" Washington froze Japan's U.S. assets, closed the Panama Canal to Japanese shipping, halted vital exports to Japan before finally joining Britain in an all-out trade embargo, and even sent a note to the Japanese ambassador suggesting military action if Tokyo did not alter its Pacific policies.

And then there was the decision to reposition the U.S. Pacific Fleet from San Diego to Pearl Harbor. In 1940, Admiral J.O. Richardson, commander of that fleet, flew to Washington, D.C., to meet with Roosevelt and convince him to reverse the move. The admiral (correctly) thought Pearl Harbor a vulnerable spot. Hawaii also made it difficult to supply and train crews, lacked sufficient fuel supplies, and kept the men far from their families, which created morale problems. Richardson, however, failed in his mission. According to Robert Stinnett's *Day of Deceit: The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor*, he sensed that something was awry. He "came away with the impression that, despite his spoken word, the President was fully determined to put the United States into the war if Great Britain could hold out until he was reelected," Stinnett wrote.

After his contentious meeting with Roosevelt, Richardson was fired from his command and replaced by Admiral Husband Kimmel.

Perhaps most damning is the fact that in 1940, U.S. Army codebreakers had cracked Japan's code, called "Purple," and thus knew of Japanese plans for the attack on Pearl Harbor. According to Robert A. Theobald's summary of the transcripts, *The Final Secret of Pearl Harbor: The Washington Contribution to the Japanese Attack*, the Roosevelt administration learned the following from the deciphered texts, nicknamed "Magic":

- Japan ordered its Consul General in Hawaii to divide Pearl Harbor into five areas and report the exact locations of American warships there on a regular basis (reporting exact whereabouts implied a planned attack);
- On November 30, Tokyo ordered their Berlin embassy to tell the Germans, their allies, that "the breaking out of war may come quicker than anyone dreams";
- On December 1, the Japanese ordered their North American diplomatic offices to destroy their secret documents. (Once war breaks out, the offices of a hostile power lose their diplomatic immunity and are seized.)

The deciphered texts were sent to the president, as well as several members of his team, including Stimson; Secretary of State Cordell Hull; Army Chief of Staff General George Marshall; Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Harold Stark; and Harry Hopkins, Roosevelt's shadowy advisor. (Hopkins has also been suspected of secretly shipping materials and blueprints for the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union.)

However, one group that didn't know about the intercepts were the commanders in Hawaii.

There was also the "winds" warning. On November 18, codebreakers intercepted a message saying that if a break in U.S. relations was coming, Tokyo would issue a special radio warning. The warning wouldn't be in the "Purple" code. The message was "Higashi no kaze ame," which meant "East wind, rain." "East wind" was code for the United States, and "rain" code for diplomatic split. On December 4, Washington intelligence intercepted the message "Higashi no kaze ame."

Washington also received information about plans for an attack on Pearl Harbor from several credible individuals, including U.S. ambassador to Japan Joseph Grew; Brigadier General Elliott Thorpe; and U.S.

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Day of Infamy: There was foreknowledge of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and it could have been prevented. Instead, it was used as a rationale for war against Germany and Japan. U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt is shown signing the declaration of war against Japan.

Congressman Martin Dies of Texas, who got his hands on a map revealing Japan's plan to attack Pearl Harbor.

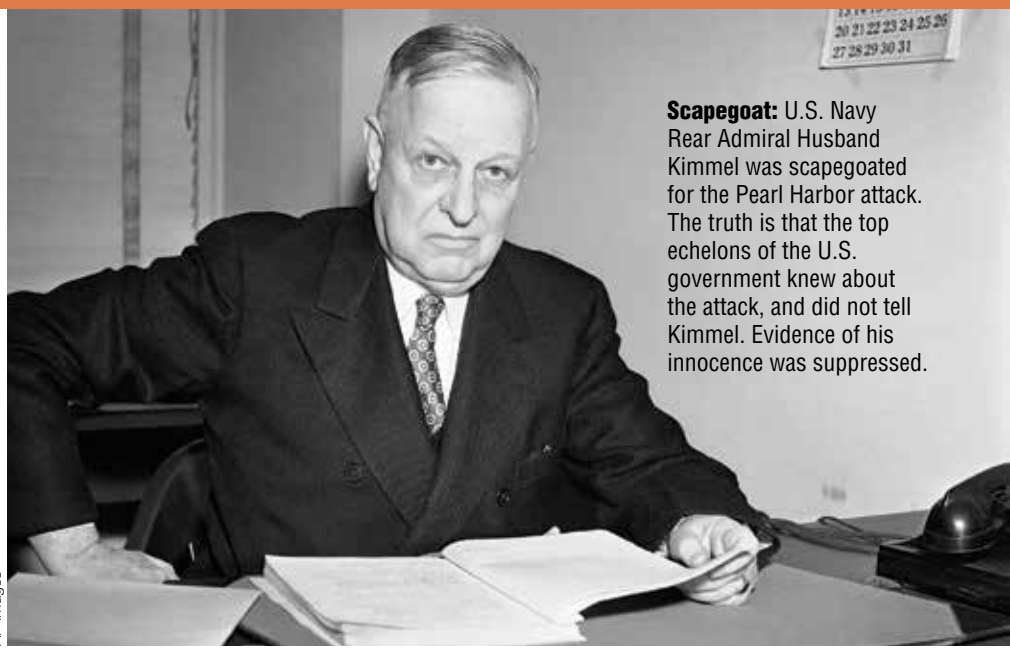
Intel about the impending attack continued to come in until that infamous day.

After the attack, the wheels of the coverup began turning. Roosevelt appointed an investigatory commission headed by Supreme Court Justice Owen Roberts. The Hawaiian commanders, who were never briefed on the pre-attack intel — Admiral Kimmel and his Army counterpart General Walter C. Short — became the scapegoats. Kimmel and Short were denied basic rights on the basis that they weren't officially on trial. The commission dismissed Kimmel's counsel for that reason. Also, as they both testified later to Congress, they weren't allowed to ask questions or cross-examine witnesses. Moreover, the stenographers for proceedings omitted testimony, and permission to correct errors was refused, according to Kimmel in his book *Admiral Kimmel's Story*.

Kimmel and Short were found guilty of poor judgment and dereliction of duty. Commission member Admiral William Standley, a former fleet commander, called Roberts' investigation "as crooked as a snake," according to John Toland's *Infamy: Pearl Harbor and Its Aftermath.* Kimmel's predecessor as Pacific Fleet commander, Admiral Richardson, called it "the most unfair, unjust, and deceptively dishonest document ever printed by the Government Printing Office." But it was just fine as far as Roosevelt was concerned. After Roberts brought him a copy, he read it and then tossed it to a secretary, saying, "Give that in full to the papers for their Sunday editions," according to Toland.

And sure enough, the media ran with the story. Newspapers blasted headlines parroting the commission's conclusion of dereliction of duty. The public besieged Kimmel and Short with hate mail and death threats.

But the scapegoats sought a chance to redeem themselves, and in August of 1944, a Naval Court of Inquiry was opened. Kimmel and Short got a tip about the intercepted "Magic" codes from someone inside the Navy Department and were able to bring them into evidence. The admirals on the Court were astounded. After three months, the Roberts' Commission verdict was overturned.



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Scapegoat: U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Husband Kimmel was scapegoated for the Pearl Harbor attack. The truth is that the top echelons of the U.S. government knew about the attack, and did not tell Kimmel. Evidence of his innocence was suppressed.

But the Roosevelt administration figured out a way to keep the results of the Naval Inquiry from becoming publicly known. It was determined that in the "interest of national security," the findings would remain secret until the war ended. In the meantime, an effort to discredit the Inquiry by conducting additional investigations to contradict it commenced. And it worked. As Perloff writes in his November 6, 2014 article "Pearl Harbor: Roosevelt's 9/11,"

> Not surprisingly, witnesses who had testified against Washington now reversed themselves.… Other officers, their memories similarly "refreshed," retracted their statements about seeing the "Winds" message; now, it seemed, the message never existed. These individuals faced a dilemma. They were career military men. They knew telling the truth would pit them against the Army Chief of Staff and end all hope of promotion.

One more hurdle to the coverup lay ahead: Congress.

Despite Kimmel's and Short's testimonies that they were denied access to intel about Japan's plan, it was not enough to overcome partisanship. The Joint Congressional Committee was made up of six Democrats and four Republicans. A majority voted against allowing several witnesses in favor of Kimmel. Others, such as Major Warren J. Clear, who warned the War Department in 1941 that the Japanese were planning to attack Hawaii, were not allowed to testify, either. When it was all said and done, an 8-2 decision assigned most of the blame — once again — to the Hawaiian commanders, some to the War and Navy departments, but none to Roosevelt or anyone in his administration.

Operation Keelhaul, a Cruel Repatriation Operation

The little-known Operation Keelhaul was a cruel repatriation operation carried out by the West to appease the Soviets.

After the end of World War II, Allied forces, led by the United States and the U.K., sent, against their will, millions of Soviet citizens, prisoners of war, and anti-communist fighters back to the motherland and its satellite states. Despite likely being a violation of the Geneva Convention, Operation Keelhaul was carried out as part of the Yalta Conference agreements between the United States, the U.K., and the Soviet Union. According to Nikolai Tolstoy, "it was vital to placate the Soviet government if British POWs liberated in Russian-controlled zones were to be safely returned and that Stalin would not help them win the war unless his demands were met."

Jurgen Thorwald described in his book *Whom They Want to Destroy* what Operation Keelhaul looked like in a Plattling, Germany, camp:

> During the night, American special commands circled the camp with tanks. At five o'clock in the morning, the searchlights were turned on.

At the same moment, trucks entered the camp. All inhabitants of the Russian barracks were ordered to form up in tanks in the glare of the floodlights. American soldiers searched them. They threw everything the Russian prisoners possessed in the mud; the watches, the bread, the last pencil. Then, the lists were read. Those named in the lists were driven onto the trucks. They were ordered to lie down on the floor of the trucks. As soon as a truck was fully loaded, American soldiers armed with billies and machine guns climbed into the trucks. The prisoners on the floor were forbidden to move. If they did, they were beaten.

The loaded trucks drove, accompanied by armored reconnaissance cars, to the railroad stations in Plattling. The prisoners were ordered to enter the cattle cars of already waiting trains. The empty trucks returned to fetch another load of Cossacks. In a few hours, the work was done. Only those escaped who had sewed in their coats razor blades and who slashed their wrists in front of their barracks under the glaring searchlights.

What happened at Plattling was repeated in almost every other camp. There was no reason and no mercy.

Once those people were returned, the Soviets executed many of them. Others they sent to Gulag labor camps, where a great many perished. Included in the repatriation were 900,000 followers of Russian General Andrei Andreevich Vlasov, who tried to overthrow Joseph Stalin's homicidal regime. In total, anywhere between two and five million victims were swept up.

On the U.S. side, Operation Keelhaul was signed off under the orders of Supreme Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower, who would later become president. As John Birch Society founder Robert Welch wrote in *The Politician*, "Eisenhower saw to it that every one of them who could be found was returned, despite whatever cruelty and force were needed."

Others who have researched and written on the topic have assigned blame to Eisenhower as well, including Peter Huxley-Blythe, author of *The East Came West*, and Julius Epstein, author of *Operation Keelhaul: The Story of Forced Repatriation from 1944 to the Present*, in which Ike is described as "issuing his cruel orders with unreflecting firmness."

Epstein's work, published in 1973, is considered the most comprehensive on this embarrassing chapter in American history. Epstein worked hard to unearth carefully concealed documents and even obtained classified documents. As detailed in the introduction of his book, he had to "overcome the resistance of bureaucrats and highly placed officials of America and England interested in concealing at all costs the true story of these deportations by force — by force so brutal that American and British soldiers shed tears as they carried out the orders." In an article published in *The New York Times* on December 18, 1970, he described finding in 1954 in the Army's Historical Records Branch in Alexandria, Virginia, an index card marked "Forcible Repatriation of Displaced Soviet Citizens — Operation Keelhaul-383-7-14." When he asked for the dossier, he was told it was top secret, and the card was immediately removed.

Because the operation was under the radar from the beginning, and the information was difficult to obtain for decades afterward, Eisenhower, even as president, was never confronted about it.

Most of the American public continues to be ignorant of Operation Keelhaul.

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Sending them back: After WWII, millions of people who had fled the Soviet Union were forcibly repatriated by Allied forces — an event few Americans know about. Here people are shown being loaded onto trucks to be driven "home," likely to death or imprisonment.

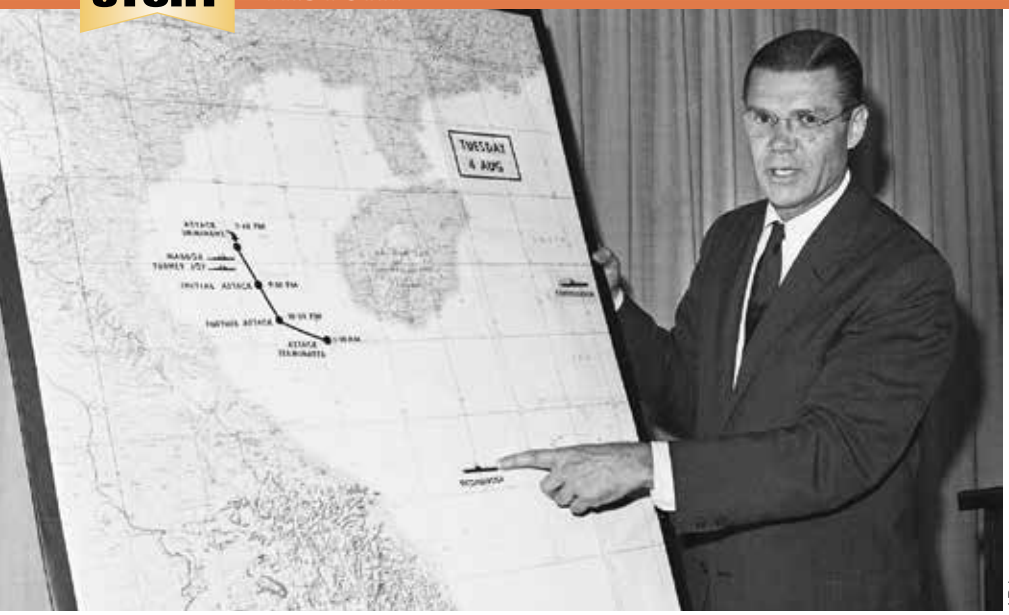
The Gulf of Tonkin Lie

Two decades after the Roosevelt administration's treacherous conspiring catapulted the United States into World War II, the Lyndon B. Johnson administration lied to the American people about the Gulf of Tonkin "attack" to justify U.S. military intervention in Vietnam.

In August 1964, the U.S. Navy was conducting reconnaissance in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of Vietnam as part of its intervention on behalf of the South Vietnamese ostensibly to defeat the communists in North Vietnam. On August 4, 1964, North Vietnam launched an unprovoked torpedo boat attack on the destroyers USS *Maddox* and USS *Turner Joy* — or so the public was told.

After the alleged attack, Johnson urged Congress to pass the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and "take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression." But there was a problem: North Vietnam didn't attack those destroyers that day. There was an attack a couple of days earlier against the *Maddox*, but the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was based on an attack that never happened.

Navy Commander James Stockdale, a pilot, had a bird's-eye view of the incident. According to Lieutenant Commander Pat



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Fiction: Here U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara points out details of a Vietnamese attack on U.S. Navy ships in the Gulf of Tonkin. The attack never actually happened, but was used to drag the United States deeper into the war against North Vietnam.

Paterson's "The Truth About Tonkin," published by the U.S. Naval Institute,

> For more than 90 minutes, [Stockdale] made runs parallel to the ships' course and at low altitude (below 2,000 feet) looking for the enemy vessels. He reported later, "I had the best seat in the house to watch that event and our destroyers were just shooting at phantom targets — there were no PT boats there.... There was nothing there but black water and American firepower."

John White was the nuclear weapons officer on the USS *Pine Island* when the Gulf of Tonkin incident supposedly happened. As a Navy officer, he was privy to classified Navy communications. In an article for the March 24, 2014 issue of *The New American* titled "The Gulf of Tonkin Events: 50 Years Later," drawn from his book of the same name, he recounted:

> En route to Vietnam, I had occasion to read the classified messages sent from the *Maddox* to higher command on the night of the claimed August 4 attack. At first they said the ships were maneuvering at high speed to avoid numerous torpedoes. Then about two hours after the start of the incident, a message said, in effect, "Oops! Looks like our sonar was malfunctioning and the torpedoes were really false images on the scope."

The weather was bad that day. Thunderstorms were pounding the region, creating rain squalls that reduced visibility and increased wave heights to six feet. It turned out the radar detected not torpedoes but tall waves, and the operators were hearing not incoming fire but the noise of the propellers reflecting off the ship's rudder. The U.S. Naval Institute concluded "the 'attacks' were actually the results of 'overeager sonar operators' and poor equipment performance."

Nevertheless, six days later, Johnson signed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, approving an interventionist boondoggle that would take the lives of more than 58,000 American men. Adding salt to the wound, the United States left Vietnam without defeating the communists, who are still in charge to this day.

Officials in the highest levels of government knew the Gulf of Tonkin incident didn't happen. Citing documents from the LBJ Library, researcher Gareth Porter said that Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara deceived Johnson about the event. He never mentioned that the U.S. naval task group commander in the Tonkin Gulf, Captain John J. Herrick, changed his mind about what happened shortly after the fact. Other experts believe that the false premise was pushed by the Pentagon to justify U.S. intervention. Even Johnson had doubts about what happened. The president supposedly told an aide, "Hell, those dumb stupid sailors were just shooting at flying fish."

Also, White wrote a letter to his local newspaper, the *New Haven Register*, exposing Johnson, McNamara, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff for giving false information to Congress in their report. The letter received attention from wire services, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, CBS Evening News, and others. It also helped Senator J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) launch the Senate Foreign Relations Committee into a full-scale investigation of the Tonkin events.

But typical of coverups, White's veracity, sanity, and patriotism were questioned. Moreover, radio messages sent by the *Maddox* and *Turner Joy* were conveniently classified, making it easier to conceal the truth.

But the truth did come out. The messages from that night broadcast by the destroyers became public in 1987, and, along with the JFK assassination, the Gulf of Tonkin ended up being one of the few coverups recognized as such today.

Lessons for the 21st Century

It is obvious that the U.S. government is capable of great corruption. It has lied, schemed, and then covered up its treachery.

The lesson here is clear: Americans should be skeptical whenever the government uses some type of event or catastrophe, often in the form of an act of foreign aggression, to justify going to war. Citizens have a duty to question and demand an overabundance of information, transparency, and clarity, especially when the public is asked to support military intervention. ■

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"In early March, I deployed a CDC team to bolster local and state capacity for response across multiple Texas regions.... Since that time, the growth rates for new cases and hospitalizations have flattened. The most effective way to prevent the spread of measles is the MMR vaccine."

In an astounding reversal of his previous long-running stance and a textbook case of the false-cause fallacy, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary **Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.** *posted this comment on X in April, ignoring the fact that the federal government is constitutionally prohibited from interfering in healthcare.*

"I know it's not effective because some family members ended up getting the vaccine, and they got the measles way worse than some of my kids."

Pete Hildebrand *told* The Guardian *that he remains skeptical of vaccines despite his eight-year-old daughter's measles-related death in March. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. attended her funeral.*

"The MMR is also one of the most effective ways to cause autism as witnessed by millions of parents worldwide and covered up by the CDC's fraudulent study at the heart of this documentary."

Responding to Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s MMR statement on X, former communications director of the Kennedy campaign **Del Bigtree** *forwarded a link to the documentary* Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe.

"According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC): during the 10-year period, 2004-2015, there were ZERO deaths due to measles. During the same period, the government surveillance system — Vaccine Adverse Effect [*sic*] Reporting System (VAERS) — 108 babies died following MMR vaccination."

Vera Sharav *of the Alliance for Human Research Protection reported these statistics in 2019.*

"They're hiding everything — sabotaging all the mechanisms we'd normally use to figure out what's true. Our regulatory agencies work exactly in reverse. It's not a difficult scientific question to figure out if mRNA vaccines cause turbocancers."

Professor of Evolutionary Biology **Bret Weinstein** *made this remark in an interview with Mary Holland, president of the non-profit Children's Health Defense, which was chaired from 2015 to 2023 by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.*

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UN TAX ON SHIPPING TO FUND GLOBAL TYRANNY

For the UN to become a full-fledged world government, it must acquire the means to impose taxes. The would-be rulers of the world have that in their sights for 2027.

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by Alex Newman

The United Nations desperately wants access to your money. It has been dreaming of taxing humanity from the start. And now, it is about to make that dream come true, with potentially catastrophic implications for humanity.

A powerful but little-known UN agency is quietly plotting to impose global taxes on international shipping under the guise of fighting CO_2 emissions and "climate change." Americans are expected to pay the bulk of the financial costs. But all of humanity will bear the brunt of an empowered UN.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) scheme to tax shipping, originally backed by the Biden administration, would give the UN unprecedented power to raise money on its own. It would also lead to soaring costs for U.S. consumers while transforming the nature of the UN forever.

There are several more rounds of negotiations. But the IMO's "Marine Environment Protection Committee," meeting in London from April 7 through 11, agreed to new fuel standards and new global taxes based on emissions. If all goes according to plan, formal adoption will take place in October, and the UN will be vacuuming up billions of dollars each week by 2027.

"The approval of draft amendments to MARPOL [International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships] Annex VI mandating the IMO net-zero framework represents another significant step in our collective efforts to combat climate change, to modernize shipping and demonstrates that IMO delivers on its commitments," IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez said in a statement. "Now, it is important to continue working together, engaging in dialogue and listening to one another, if we are to create the conditions for successful adoption.

Trump and Global Climate Taxes

President Donald Trump and Republican lawmakers in Congress are being urged by advocates of national sovereignty and prosperity to block the measure as if liberty and independence depend on it.

But the scheme has powerful backers, ranging from kleptocratic governments and global bureaucrats to captured industry groups and those hoping to benefit from the massive anticipated tax revenues.

The taxation plot comes as the UN's World Court, known officially as the International Court of Justice (ICJ), is preparing to rule on the supposed "legal obligations" of governments with respect to "climate change." UN officials are calling the case the most important in history.

Trump has argued that destroying the "climate alarmism hoax" must be a top priority for the MAGA movement. On his first day in office, he signed an executive order ending U.S. funding for UN climate schemes and reining in U.S. involvement in them. He is also working to undo domestic global-warming policies imposed by Biden and Obama.

As IMO government delegates were in negotiations, the Trump administration circulated a letter warning them that the U.S. government would not be playing ball. "President Trump has made it clear that the U.S. will not accept any international environmental agreement that unduly or unfairly burdens the U.S. or the interest of the American people," the letter explained. "Accordingly, we must be clear the U.S. rejects any and all efforts to impose economic measures against its ships based on GHG emissions or fuel choice."

The U.S. government, blasting the

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scheme as an effort to "redistribute wealth under the guise of environmental protection," also warned that it would protect American shipping and taxpayers from any global taxes imposed by the IMO. "Should such a blatantly unfair measure go forward, our government will consider reciprocal measures so as to offset any fees charged to U.S. ships and compensate the American people for any other economic harm from any adopted GHG emissions measures," the letter continued. "The Trump Administration will protect the American people and their economic interests."

What This Means

The effort by the IMO to impose a "carbon tax" on maritime shipping is raising alarm among critics for several reasons. The most significant concern, though, is that the unprecedented tax would allow the UN to raise money on its own, liberating it from dependence on its member governments for funding. That would dramatically transform the nature of the UN and what is euphemistically known as "global governance," almost certainly forever.

While the amount may be small to start with — somewhere between $19 and $150 per ton of CO_2 emitted — it will establish a clear precedent for allowing the UN to start collecting funds from other sources as well. The tax could also easily be increased once the proverbial camel's nose of global taxation is in the tent.

Historically, the UN's inability to impose taxes has served as one of the most effective restraints on its power. Once it has direct access to money without being forced to beg its member governments, it can fund armies, police, courts, bureaucracy, social-engineering, propaganda, and more, essentially without limit.

The UN's desire to expand its power across all sectors of society is hardly a secret. In fact, in September, the global body boasted about its plans to become UN 2.0 at the Summit of the Future at UN headquarters. The agreement negotiated there, known as the Pact for the Future, pledged to strengthen UN involvement in virtually every area of life.

Of course, the UN was started under the guise of maintaining international peace and security. But for decades, it has been shamelessly usurping more and more power — often with support from member governments — over everything from the economy and the environment to education and the internet.

With the unlimited resources that global taxes would bring, that process of usurping more and more power, together with the ability to enforce its will, would be supercharged as never before.

And if the UN can impose taxes on shipping to save the world from alleged man-made climate change, why could it not impose taxes on air travel, farming, energy production, stock trading, and more? Already, there are forces within the UN and quite a few of its member governments working to make those taxes a reality, too.

Global taxes would not have to be limited to just saving humanity from the supposed evils of the gas of life (CO_2), either. Any time a real or imagined threat could be concocted, the UN could justify new and bigger taxes to "save" humanity or even "Mother Earth" from the danger.

A global tax on shipping has been discussed for many years, and was formally proposed in 2023 with backing from the Biden administration as a way to help reach "net zero" emissions of CO_2 by 2050. But shipping only contributes three percent of humanity's puny CO_2 emissions. Other sectors are far more important, and would undoubtedly be targeted for new taxes as well.

UN estimates and various analysts have long said the carbon tax on shipping alone could raise $100 billion or more per year. That would pay for a lot of global government, public loyalty, and enforcement power.

Globalist Support

The global tax scheme is backed by major powers, including historic U.S. allies such as the far-left U.K. government of Keir Starmer, Japanese and South Korean authorities, and even the European Union. It is also being pushed hard by governments in the Pacific region and the Caribbean. Even governments that are heavily dependent on shipping, such as Panama and Liberia, have joined the bandwagon.

Shipping interests themselves, or at least associations purporting to speak for them, also appear to be on board with the scheme.

"The industry fully supports the adoption by IMO of a GHG [greenhouse gas] pricing mechanism for global application to shipping," said Guy Platten, secretary general of the International Chamber of Shipping, the global trade association for shipowners and operators, prior to the most recent IMO meeting. "The joint text put forward by this broad coalition is a pragmatic solu-

tion and the most effective way to incentivize a rapid energy transition in shipping to achieve the agreed IMO goal of net zero emissions by or close to 2050."

How exactly the money would be collected and spent remains to be determined in upcoming negotiations. One idea is to use the money for the UN's "Green Climate Fund," a scheme adopted by the UN and its members to redistribute wealth to kleptocratic Third World governments that promise to fight "climate change."

But global bureaucrats and governments backing the plan are downplaying those discussions while hyping the alleged benefits to the "climate" itself.

Ironically, a report by the governments pushing the plan called for giving some of the tax revenue to those most impacted by the increased cost of shipping. In short, the UN plan would hurt the poor and their nations the most by increasing the cost of their essential goods such as food. And in response, the UN would make them dependent on what amounts to new UN welfare schemes.

One concrete proposal that made it out of the negotiations in London was to create an "IMO Net-Zero Fund" to collect the tax revenue. That would then be handed out to "low-emission shops," "research," "just transition initiatives in developing countries," "training," and "technology transfer and capacity building to support IMO GHG Strategy." It would also be used to "mitigate negative impacts on vulnerable states, such as Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries." In other words, cronyism, welfare, wealth redistribution, propaganda, and more.

As *The New American* reported online in April of 2024, another major concern raised by critics is that American consumers would be hit hardest. In other words, this tax would be a way for governments around the world to impose taxes on struggling Americans and redistribute what is left of their wealth. The incentive for hostile foreign powers would be to tax Americans to the max, of course.

Conclusion

Giving the UN the power to raise its own money through taxation would be a great leap forward in transforming it into a true global government. It would be the equivalent of handing the dictators' club a blank check drawn on the wealth of what is left of America's middle class. And it would be a turning point from which it would be difficult to ever return.

But the U.S. government can stop it, if Trump and Republican lawmakers are willing to stand up for American interests. Rather than fighting each new power grab or tax scheme, the most effective solution would be to get the United States out of the UN for good.

There is legislation in Congress to do just that. Known as the DEFUND Act, the bill would end U.S. involvement in the UN and stop U.S. funding for it. And with Trump in the White House, there has never been a better opportunity to protect U.S. sovereignty for the long haul. Get involved at jbs.org/un. ■

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STATES PUSH BACK AGAINST THE UN

As the United Nations intensifies its attacks on American freedom and independence, states are reasserting their sovereign authority and fighting back.

by Peter Rykowski

It seems as though every week a new attack on our country's founding values begins. From attacks on our financial freedom via a central bank digital currency to relentless assaults on our sovereignty by globalist organizations, those plotting to impose global tyranny find new avenues to further their diabolical agenda. Will our Republic succumb to these onslaughts and slide further toward unconstitutional government, moral decline, and globalism, or will it hold fast and return to following the Constitution and America's founding principles?

Thankfully, in this battle over the future of our constitutional Republic, defenders of liberty have a powerful weapon: federalism. Under the American system of government, the states are sovereign, and retain all powers not specifically granted to the federal government. As James Madison wrote in *The Federalist*, No. 45, federal powers under the Constitution are "few and defined," while state powers are "numerous and indefinite." And Article VI of the Constitution declares that all laws "shall be made in Pursuance thereof," and requires that state officials take an oath "to support this Constitution." Accordingly, state governments have a duty and the authority to enforce the Constitution, even in the face of efforts to usurp it.

Some states are beginning to do just that — and one area they are addressing is attacks on American independence by international organizations such as the United Nations and World Health Organization (WHO). These globalist bodies represent an existential threat to a free and sovereign United States, and in recent years they have intensified their efforts to expand their power. From the WHO's proposed pandemic treaty to the International Maritime Organization's planned carbon tax on shipping, the UN is pursuing its founding goal of growing into a true world government. As Americans wake up to the true nature of the UN and its affiliates, they and their state governments are pushing back.

State Legislation

Treaties and international organizations are not matters solely for the federal government to handle. Article VI declares that treaties must be "made … under the Authority of the United States" — they cannot violate the Constitution — and the states can help enforce this requirement. Some have proactively enacted legislation nullifying UN agencies and programs.

One of the most prominent examples is Tennessee's S.B. 1147, enacted in 2023. This law, modeled on an Alabama law enacted 11 years earlier, declares that state agencies and local governments "shall not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required by policy recommendations originating in, or traceable to, the United Nations or a subsidiary entity of the United Nations." S.B. 1147 specifies that these "policy recommendations" include the UN's Agendas 21 and 2030, its net-zero emissions proposals, and any other "international law or ancillary plan of action that contravenes" the U.S. or Tennessee constitutions. The law also bars state agencies and localities from participating in or cooperating with nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations. During S.B. 1147's consideration in the Senate, lead sponsor Senator Frank Niceley (R-Strawberry Plains), noting the UN's influence on local planning commissions, declared, "This is to send a message to the United Nations that they [can] do whatever they want to somewhere else, but they're not gonna do it here in Tennessee."

Tennessee legislators have continued these efforts. In 2024, the General Assembly enacted follow-up legislation requiring local governments to annually certify

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their compliance with the act, and creating a legal cause of action against localities violating its provisions. Tennessee's law is a major step toward enforcing the U.S. Constitution against UN schemes that violate it. This year, legislators are considering legislation to further expand and strengthen this law (S.B. 1231/H.B. 1264 and S.B. 263/H.B. 318), and have already enacted a bill to remove references in other state statutes recognizing the WHO's authority (S.B. 669).

Tennessee is not alone in enacting anti-UN legislation. In 2024, Louisiana and Oklahoma enacted their own versions of legislation nullifying the UN and its affiliates. Oklahoma's law (S.B. 426), which closely mirrors Louisiana's (S.B. 133), declares, "The World Health Organization, the United Nations and the World Economic Forum shall have no jurisdiction in the State of Oklahoma." S.B. 426 also bans state agencies and local governments from enforcing or collaborating with "any requirements, instructions, mandates, recommendations, or guidance" from those organizations, or using them as the basis for vaccine mandates, surveillance, and other draconian policies.

Supporters of these bills have highlighted the need to protect constitutional principles. At the signing ceremony for S.B. 133, Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry noted, "These organizations [the UN, WHO, and WEF] … encroach upon the daily lives of Americans and those in Louisiana as well." He continued, "We have a wonderful document — it's called the United States Constitution — that dictates how our government structure is run and exactly who has the ability to affect the lives of American citizens and here in Louisiana as well." And Oklahoma Representative Rick West (R-Heavener) declared that S.B. 426 would help prevent "mandates proposed by these non-elected global organizations that would severely limit the personal liberties of all Oklahomans and Americans."

This year has already seen further state-level action against the UN. In addition to Tennessee's follow-up bills, similar legislation has been introduced in Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming, among other states. These efforts have sometimes met hurdles. For example, South Dakota's bill (H.B. 1152) narrowly failed in the House by a 32-37 vote, while the North Dakota House watered down its bill (H.B. 1089) before ultimately voting it down by a 38-53 vote. Overall, however, these efforts have seen undeniable momentum in state legislatures over the last two years — and there's no sign of it fading.

Citizen involvement is essential in getting such legislation enacted, and John Birch Society members have had a hand in this. For example, Oklahoma JBS Field Coordinator Michael Sawyer, writing in the October 2024 JBS *Bulletin*, noted that "we worked — through emails, phone calls, and visits to the Legislature — to successfully enact S.B. 426." And in a statement to *The New American*, Field Coordinator Leah Southwell explained that South Dakota's H.B. 1152 resulted from conversations she had with its lead sponsor, Representative Aaron Aylward (R-Harrisburg) about an Article V constitutional convention. Southwell "suggested that a better option is nullification. [Aylward] was interested and asked for examples." After Southwell sent him a model bill from another state, he introduced it. Southwell also noted that similar legislation in Montana, H.B. 350, had been introduced by Representative Jedediah Hinkle (R-Belgrade), "another legislator that works closely with us."

To be sure, this legislation is just a first step toward pushing back against the UN and its unconstitutional programs. Legislators would be wise to follow up with bills that target specific policies and programs associated with the UN and its Agendas 21 and 2030, including comprehensive plans, Smart Growth, carbon-capture pipelines, and zoning rules that limit or discourage single-family housing. This is because, as *The New American* previously reported, "proponents of [Agendas 21 and 2030] will usually argue that their proposals have nothing to do with an international scheme, protesting, 'Agenda 21? Never heard of it. Just local. Just local. Just local.'"

Nonetheless, patriots have already successfully used these laws to push back against UN-related programs locally. In 2018, for example, JBS members in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, defeated an attempt by the city council to enact an "eco-tourism" ordinance that would have restricted development on private property and threatened the local shipbuilding industry. In 2012, Alabama became the first state to enact legislation banning initiatives related to the UN's Agenda 21. As *The New American* reported, "Had the

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Defending sovereignty: A growing number of states are considering and enacting legislation to nullify the UN. Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry, who signed such a bill in 2024, noted that such measures uphold the U.S. Constitution and the American form of government.

city council passed the new ordinance, it would have placed them in violation of state law. And that is one of the facts that opponents keyed in upon to defeat this ordinance." With robust legislation — backed up by an informed and activated electorate — state legislatures can effectively push back against UN-related schemes.

Bully Pulpit

Although enacting legislation is important, states have done more than just that. State executive-branch officials are flexing their muscles to counter certain UN programs and initiatives. An important example happened after six major U.S. banks joined the Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA), a UN-led initiative that threatens economic freedom.

Organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in 2021, the NZBA requires participating banks to set net-zero emissions targets "for 2030 or sooner and 2050, with intermediary targets" every five years after 2030. The program also requires banks to adjust their portfolios to align with these targets, and publish the greenhouse-gas emissions of individual sectors — harming industries such as agriculture that climate zealots claim emit unacceptably high emissions. With currently 131 participating banks in 44 countries, holding $50 trillion in total assets (notably smaller numbers than just a few months earlier), the NZBA represents a global, UN-led assault on the economy in the name of fighting climate change.

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Banking cartel: Opponents of the Net-Zero Banking Alliance have noted that it gives the United Nations Environment Programme authority to dictate member banks' policies. Under pressure from state governments, six major U.S. banks withdrew from the program.

In October 2022, attorneys general from 19 states, led by then-Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, responded by launching an investigation of the six banks — Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, and Wells Fargo — for potential consumer-protection violations. Accusing the banks of "ceding authority to the U.N.," Schmitt noted in a statement that "these banks are accountable to American laws — we don't let international bodies set the standards for our businesses." The attorneys general also subpoenaed the banks for information related to their participation in the NZBA.

Agricultural commissioners from 12 states followed suit. In a January 2024 letter to the six banks, they highlighted "troubling environmental commitments by your banks that target our farmers, ranchers, and agriculture producers." They continued, "We are deeply troubled that your banks have given the [UNEP] authority to 'review' and 'monitor' your banks' climate targets for 'consistency' with UN criteria, especially given the UNEP's leading role in inciting Sri Lanka to adopt its disastrous fertilizer ban." The commissioners then requested that the banks provide "information regarding your NZBA commitments and their effects." Other state officials, including Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, launched their own, separate investigations.

This pressure paid off: In December 2024 and January 2025, all six banks withdrew from the NZBA. Although several banks claimed they would seek to implement their own net-zero goals, this marked a major victory against the UN's organized, global effort to impose its net-zero agenda on Americans.

State officials have stood against more than just the NZBA. When the WHO proposed its global pandemic treaty and amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR), actions that would have dramatically expanded its power over its members, some state officials joined the effort to stop them. In May 2024, the governors of 24 states sent a letter to President Joe Biden opposing the WHO's power grabs. Noting that the treaty and IHR amendments would "undermine national sovereignty, infringe upon states' rights, and jeopardize constitutionally guaranteed freedoms," the governors declared:

> As governors, we affirm that public health policy is a matter reserved for the states, not the federal government, and certainly not international bodies like the WHO. We are committed to resisting any attempts to transfer authority to the WHO over public policy affecting our citizens or any efforts by the WHO to assert such authority over them.

That same month, the attorneys general of 22 states, led by Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen, sent their own letter to Biden opposing the WHO's proposals and pledging to fight back. As with the governors, they gave a robust defense of state sovereignty:

> The federal government cannot delegate public health decisions to an international body. The U.S. Constitution doesn't vest responsibility for public health policy with the federal government. It reserves those powers for the States. Even if the federal

government had such power, Article II, Section 2 requires approval by the United States Senate….

Accordingly, we will resist any attempt to enable the WHO to directly or indirectly set public policy for our citizens.

These actions indicate that state officials are beginning to rediscover a constitutional understanding of federalism and reassert their states' sovereignty. If this continues, we can expect further — and stronger — state-level actions against UN initiatives and other unconstitutional infringements.

State elected officials are not acting alone to counter the UN. State and county branches of the Republican Party — which wield significant influence in statewide politics — have increasingly come out against the global body and U.S. membership in it.

Grassroots Pressure

State elected officials are not acting alone to counter the UN. State and county branches of the Republican Party — which wield significant influence in statewide politics — have increasingly come out against the global body and U.S. membership in it. This includes the Texas Republican Party, the dominant party in the second-largest state, which reaffirmed its existing opposition to UN membership in its 2024 platform. Declaring the UN "a detriment to the sovereignty of the United States and other countries," it urges "the immediate withdrawal from the current United Nations and the removal of the United Nations from United States soil" and opposes "participation in any United Nations entity, program, or initiative that would compromise American sovereignty to an external entity."

As if that weren't enough, the 2024 platform also declared:

> We reject any assertion of authority over our nation or its citizens from foreign individuals or entities, such as the World Economic Forum, World Health Organization, and the United Nations. We stand firmly against the concept of a One World Government or The Great Reset.

Local branches of the Texas GOP have been similarly active in opposing the UN. According to West Texas Field Coordinator Kyle Cramblit, JBS members across the state "introduced [*Get US Out!*] resolutions at their Republican precincts and county conventions. These had the momentum to be picked up at the state convention." Cramblit noted that some members "met with their legislators to ensure that our *Get US Out!* resolutions would be supported."

Of course, the Texas Republican Party is not alone. The Iowa GOP's 2024 platform also declares that the UN, WHO, and WEF "shall have no power or jurisdiction within the state of Iowa." It adds, "We believe the United States should never sacrifice its sovereignty or relinquish control of its soil or its citizens to the United Nations or any other international body." The Oklahoma GOP's 2024 platform expresses similar sentiments, while the Lake County, Florida, GOP's 2023 platform urges "the rejection of all Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030 policies and programs," in addition to full withdrawal from the global body.

Although political-party platforms don't directly affect public policy — they are nonbinding, and parties exist outside of government — they can be highly influential. By showing that the leadership and grassroots of a major party support a particular idea, they give that idea extra legitimacy. They can also influence the positions and priorities of elected officials. The inclusion of anti-UN declarations in state and county GOP platforms illustrates that support for state-level action against the global body — and full withdrawal by Congress — is becoming more mainstream and politically realistic.

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Dumping Davos: In 2019, the World Economic Forum signed a "Strategic Partnership Framework" with the UN to "accelerate implementation" of Agenda 2030, formalizing the relationship between the two organizations. Most state-level bills nullifying the UN have also targeted the WEF.

Get US Out!

Of course, the United States should ultimately withdraw from the UN entirely — and some members of Congress are aiming to do just that. In February,

Representative Chip Roy (R-Texas) and Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) reintroduced the Disengaging Entirely From the United Nations Debacle (DEFUND) Act (H.R. 1498 and S. 669), which would fully withdraw the United States from the UN, prohibit U.S. funding for or participation in UN programs, and prevent the president from unilaterally making agreements with UN agencies. Although President Donald Trump has signed executive actions withdrawing the United States from multiple UN agencies and agreements, the DEFUND Act would make these actions permanent and go much further. Enacting this legislation would be a major step toward restoring American independence.

Although getting out of the UN is a matter for Congress, the states are not off the hook. State legislatures can pass resolutions urging Congress to enact the DEFUND Act or similar legislation, and at least one state has already done this. Last year, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted H.J.R. 849, which "urge[s] Congress and the President to withdraw the United States from the United Nations." Among the resolution's findings, it declares that "the U.N. usurps people's ability to govern themselves" and its "initiatives threaten America's sovereignty."

H.J.R. 849 is not perfect. Paradoxically, despite its call for UN withdrawal, it praises the United States' "excellent relationship with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)," and urges Congress and the president to "strengthen America's ties with NATO." As *The New American* has previously reported, NATO is a subsidiary of the UN, established as a "regional arrangement" under Articles 52-54 of the UN Charter, and the United States should withdraw from this entangling alliance. Nonetheless, H.J.R. 849 remains a powerful statement in favor of getting out of the UN, and other state legislatures should follow suit with similar resolutions — minus the NATO provision.

Moving Forward

The last two years have seen an encouraging resurgence in state action against the UN and an increased willingness by state officials to reassert their states' sovereign authority. However, much more work is needed to fully stop the forces of globalism and restore state sovereignty. More states should enact legislation countering the UN, WHO, and Agendas 21 and 2030, and they should ensure those laws are robust and enforceable. And states must regain their boldness to follow the Constitution, even in the face of strident opposition from the federal government, judiciary, and other institutions.

Furthermore, there's no guarantee that state legislators will protect state sovereignty from the UN — some have even introduced legislation doing the opposite. For example, the 2021 Hawaii State Planning Act (S.B. 684), which unanimously passed the state Senate, would have explicitly codified the UN's Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals into state statute, and a 2023 New York bill (S. 4894) would have required police use-of-force policies to "be consistent with" UN guidelines. Meanwhile, a 2025 Massachusetts resolution (S. 2457) urges the U.S. president and Congress "to propose or support amendments which will ensure [the UN's] transformation into a United Federation of Nations." In order to take robust action against the UN, legislators must understand and take seriously its threat to liberty.

How do we accomplish this? It's essential to call and meet in person with state legislators and other elected officials, informing them about the principles of state sovereignty and what they can do to counter the UN, and urging them to act. Additionally, we must inform our fellow citizens about the dangers of UN membership, as well as solutions for protecting American independence. Creating an informed electorate will generate greater pressure on both state legislators and Congress to act.

These efforts are most effective when done in an organized manner, in conjunction with other citizens across the country. The John Birch Society, the parent organization of *The New American*, provides both that organization and the resources to inform legislators and fellow citizens, and JBS members work tirelessly to protect America's founding principles. It's imperative that more Americans get involved. As JBS founder Robert Welch said at the Society's founding meeting in 1958, "We need disciplined pullers at the oars, and not passengers in the boat." By heeding his advice, we *will* save our Republic. ■

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Congressional efforts: Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah, center) and Representative Chip Roy (R-Texas, right) are leading the effort in Congress to *Get US Out!* of the UN, having introduced legislation to do so. Additionally, Lee has advocated getting out of NATO.

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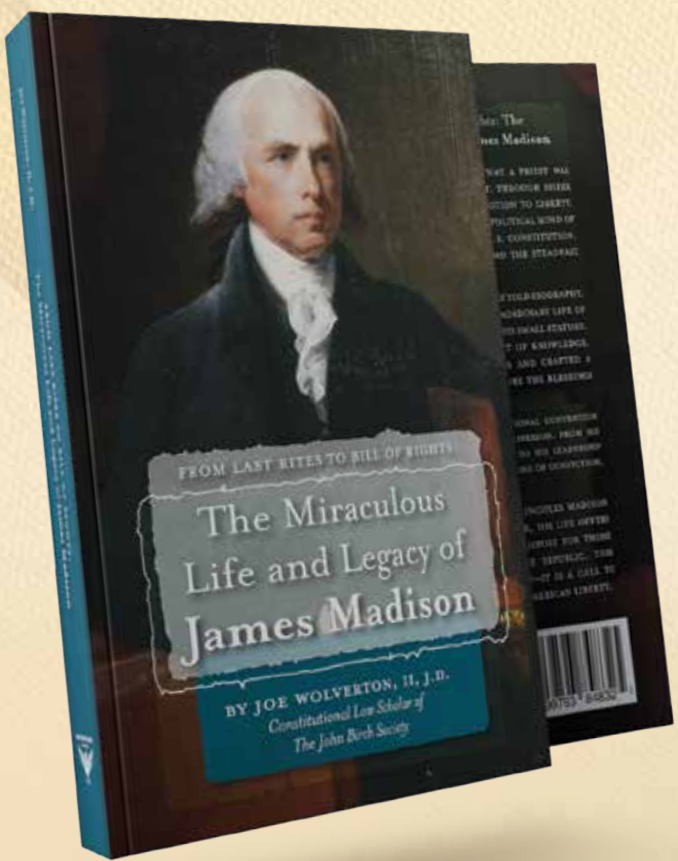
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INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS UNCOVER SILENT EPIDEMIC

Two citizen researchers take on a mystery that mainstream won't touch: unusual, lethal clotting in the Covid era.

by Rebecca Terrell

How many more people must suffer vaccine injuries before the federal government, Big Pharma, and our medical establishment own up? It's a rhetorical question, of course, because the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is still ignoring at least 800,000 reports of severe adverse reactions to the Covid-19 jab in this country alone. Victim accounts inundated the agency via a smartphone app called V-Safe, which CDC created specifically to collect post-Covid-19-vax health assessments. It was launched in December 2020 in sync with the vaccine rollout in the United States. Ten million downloads later, the agency quietly pulled the plug on V-Safe on June 30, 2023. Not only did it abruptly and inexplicably halt data collection, it also refused to disclose its findings until forced to do so when Del Bigtree's Informed Consent Action Network sued.

Two years have passed, and a new administration is now at the helm. But grassroots activists are still met with a symphony of crickets from federal agencies as they attempt to sound the alarm. Retired Air Force Major Tom Haviland and his co-investigator, Laura Kasner, are a collective case in point. "Nobody else to my knowledge is looking at either the timing or the prevalence of this," Haviland told *The New American*. He was referring to the alarming trend of white, fibrous clots that embalmers worldwide started noticing in their subjects a few years ago, as highlighted in the documentary *Died Suddenly*.

"I watched that movie the night it premiered," Haviland recalled. Embalmers featured in the film said "that they had never before seen these clots in the veins and arteries of corpses."

"These aren't normal clots," he relates. "The embalmers describe them as what looks like calamari. It's almost elastic, like it can go right back into shape again after being stretched. And it does not easily dissolve as the other clots do. These are tough."

Haviland, who lives in Ohio, contacted his state's Embalmers Association, and spoke with Woody Wilson, who is now president of that organization. "Woody said to me, 'Tom, I'm seeing the white, fibrous clots, too.'" Haviland said others, such as Kevin

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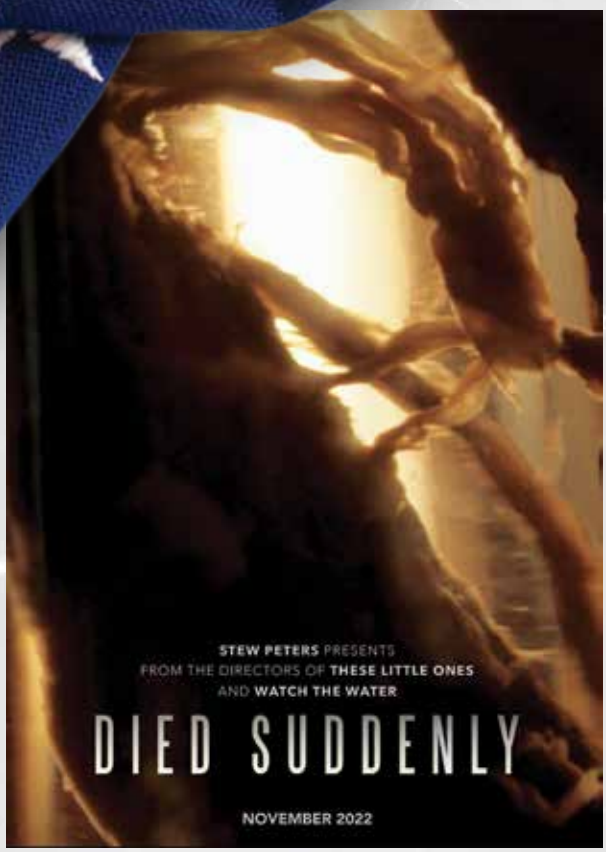

Sweryd, president of the Manitoba (Canada) Funeral Services Association, have confirmed the same.

The Inside Scoop

That feedback spurred Haviland to begin surveying embalmers — first nationwide, and then worldwide — which he has done annually for the past three years. The task came naturally to this electrical engineer who also has a degree in mathematics and a masters in computer resources and information management. Kasner joined Haviland in his work and created the *Clotastrophe* blog at LauraKasner.substack.com, where they post results of their research.

Using the online tool SurveyMonkey, they've contacted industry associations and individual funeral homes, and respondents have weighed in from the United States, Canada, the U.K., Australia, and New Zealand. The results are striking.

Eighty-three percent of the 301 embalmers who answered the 2024 survey said they have seen the white, fibrous clots in their work. Only 73 percent of 2023 respondents admitted to witnessing the phenomenon.

Haviland also asked what percentage of corpses in the year 2024 have these structures in them. A weighted average of 27.5 percent is also up from 2023, when embalmers identified 20 percent of their subjects.

"That was kind of shocking to me, because the first year I did the survey (2022) it was 30 percent, and it went down to 20 percent in 2023," Haviland reports. "So I was hoping it would go down again. But as you can see, it's 27.5 percent. That's not the right direction."

He also noted that embalmers say they never saw the white, fibrous clots in corpses prior to Covid, nor was it common to find clots of any kind in arteries. They usually occur in veins.

To confirm the trend, he asked respondents to compare the number of clots they've witnessed in 2023 and 2024. More than two hundred answered "about the same" or "more clots in 2024," whereas less than 100 saw fewer or none.

"It's telling me that we still have a serious problem," he postulates. "There may be a situation where it takes a couple of years for them to grow to the point where they completely occlude or block a vein or artery, and that's when you get your stroke or heart attack." He points out that "most people took their last jabs in 2021," deciding to pass on the boosters. "So it's alarming to me that they're still finding a significant percentage of corpses with clots here at the end of 2024."

Next, Haviland asked his respondents if their industry associates are witnessing the same. The rationale behind this question is that many embalmers might admit in private conversation to seeing the clots but shrink from speaking out publicly. Only 40 checked "no," and 185 answered "yes."

Silent as the Grave

But another 66 embalmers said they don't talk about it. "Why not? Aren't you curious? Did your funeral director give you instructions that you're not to talk about this for fear of losing your job?" Haviland speculates. "What's going on here?"

It's a legitimate question, because embalmers have "a legal obligation to inform" authorities when they see anything out of the ordinary in a corpse, such as evidence of a stab or gunshot wound. "I think similarly," Haviland opines, "when they're finding these unusual clots, embalmers do have an ethical duty to share the information." What bothers him most is that so many embalmer associations declined to take his survey, and he wonders if they are not "violating their own mission statements and codes of ethics by not doing so."

These considerations prompted another survey question: "Has your professional embalmer or funeral director association ever discussed the large, whitish 'fibrous' structures/clots?" Only 52 embalmers answered "yes."

Haviland wants to know why, with so many opportunities (e.g. meetings, newsletters, continuing education), fewer than 20 percent of associations are talking about this unusual situation. "I have an insider at the British Institute of Embalmers who challenged the leadership to answer my survey," Haviland remembers. "They promised to discuss it in executive committee but eventually decided against it."

Other Clues

The Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association is another group that declined the 2024 survey, though 125 of its members participated the previous year. However, the president of the group regularly communicates with Haviland. He recently emailed that he and

his colleagues are perplexed by a development of "poor distribution … to the extremities. Nearly every person that I embalm is not getting good distribution to one or both of the hands below the elbow, something I have not seen in the past." Haviland explains that his reference is to formaldehyde infusion, which is necessary to preserve the body for viewing at a funeral. He speculates that clots are preventing the fluid from reaching the forearms and hands.

That observation also brings up a related issue: micro-clotting, a phenomenon that occurs in capillaries, very small blood vessels that facilitate the exchange of oxygen in tissues. Problems at this level can manifest as symptoms such as brain fog, fatigue, pain or inflammation, fluid retention, vision difficulties, or myriad other troubles depending on the affected area of the body. Micro-clotting is nothing new, except that Haviland's embalmers report witnessing it in more than 20 percent of their patients. Prior to Covid, that percentage was five or less.

"It's actually a triple whammy," Haviland says, "because the embalmers also said that the traditional 'grape jelly clots' (postmortem blood clots that resemble the fruit spread for which they're named) have increased by about 33 percent, and they've become like grape jam now. They're thicker — more viscous."

Another trend the embalmers revealed was that prior to Covid, typical embalming took "about an hour and a half, but now they're taking about two and a half hours when they find a body that's riddled" with the fibrous clots. Many must use forceps to remove them.

Observations such as this appear in the comments sections that end each survey. An example from a Florida respondent is illustrative:

> I have seen both types of blood clots, and definitely seeing the white fibrous clots in larger numbers as time goes. These clots range anywhere from 3 to 6 inches in length with lesser outliers in both directions…. I've been performing approximately 100 to 150 embalmings per year for the past 4 years. I presently work with 5 other embalming funeral directors who have had much the same experience.

Four years of experience is on the low end of the typical respondent, however. "Some of these embalmers have been in the business for 20 or 30 years," Haviland said. "The average was 15 years, and they've never seen this phenomenon before the years of Covid and the vaccines."

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Strange phenomenon: Retired Air Force Major Tom Haviland displays vials of white, fibrous clots that embalmers have been finding in corpses since 2020.

The Culprit

"A few said they did see it in 2020 before the vaccines came out," he notes. A possible explanation is that "there's a spike protein on the surface of the virus itself," and "in the bloodstream it can be doing damage to the endothelial lining on the inner walls of our blood vessels."

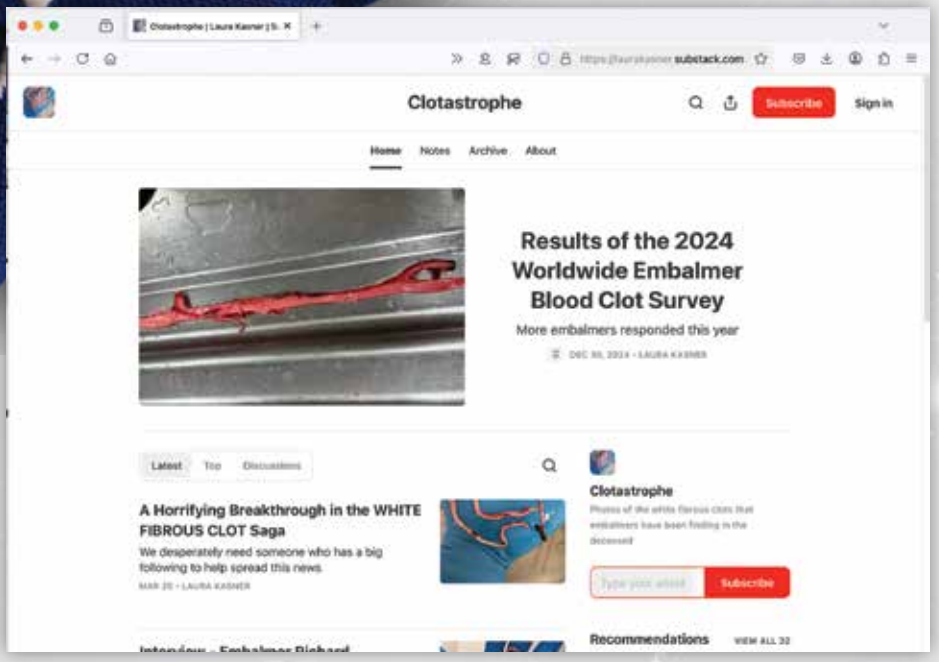
Of course, "the vaccines produce more spike protein." Haviland explains that the mRNA in Covid vaccines "turns your whole body into a spike protein factory. So this could be a serious issue if your body's continuously producing spike proteins, which then damage the vessel lining, causing this tremendous clotting response."

He is not alone in this speculation. World-renowned microbiologist Dr. Sucharit Bhakdi warned *The New American* in April 2021, just five months after the Covid vaccine roll-out, that spike proteins are known to damage the inner walls of blood vessels. Moreover, infectious disease expert Dr. Peter McCullough "believes there may not be any off-switch to the production of the spike protein in those that have taken the vaccine," Haviland cautions.

The clots themselves confirm these suspicions. Haviland said that he and embalmer Richard Hirschman have had them analyzed and found that they are made of "a combination of about 56 percent fibrinogen," a protein involved in the normal clotting process. "When there's damage done to the endothelial lining of our blood vessels, fibrinogen converts into a white solid called fibrin. It forms a clot, and after the wound heals, another enzyme called plasmid breaks down the clot."

"Unfortunately, we believe that process is being altered," Haviland continues. Normal fibrinogen uses three chains of proteins (alpha, beta, and gamma) that link together to form a fibrin scab, and these chains usually appear in equal numbers. Alpha forms the framework, beta chains are the "bricks" of the structure, and gamma is the glue that holds everything together.

The fibrin in these unusual clots is in-



stead made up of 36 percent beta, 16 percent gamma and four percent alpha. "It's a nine-to-four-to-one ratio!" Haviland exclaims. He says the scientists analyzing the clots believe that the spike protein is activated in the bloodstream to bond with natural fibrinogen. They say the same thing happens with the phospholipid nanoparticles (tiny, fat-based bubbles) that carry the Covid-19 vaccine's mRNA into individual cells. The result: "these strange, bizarre, rubbery clots," Haviland reports. "So it's very unusual."

Clot Encounters

Meanwhile, other medical whistleblowers say that the same white, fibrous clots are occurring in living patients. "A doctor who works in a catheterization lab in Florida told me they're taking these things out because they can't break them down with clot-busting drugs," he explains. "They use flexible catheters to suction, scrape or lasso the clots and pull them out." He also cited Dr. Phil McMillan of the YouTube channel Vejon Health, who "says he's pulling anywhere between three to 10 of these clots out of living people every week in his one cath lab alone."

Yet another phenomenon Haviland's cath lab contacts are witnessing is an increase in vasculitis. "The blood vessels are getting so damaged that they're starting to collapse," he explains. "A lot of people are having stents put in to shore up the walls" of the venous system.

Fortunately, unlike embalmers, doctors have access to the Covid vaccination records of their patients. Haviland said that when McMillan finds the clots, "99 percent of the time the person has been jabbed up to eight times. And the more jabs they've had, the worse the clotting seems to be." What about the other one percent? "They might be a result of blood transfusions," Haviland offers, "and shedding is a real thing as well." (Dr. Pierre Kory and Scott Marsland of the online Leading Health Clinic have spearheaded research into the latter development.)

So Haviland decided to survey cath lab workers, sending out requests to societies for vascular surgery in the United States, Canada, the U.K., Australia, and New Zealand. "I got zero responses, except for one," Haviland recalls. It was from the Society for Vascular Surgery in Rosemont, Illinois, but they declined to participate.

Clots Populi

"So I said, if I cannot get the doctors to respond, maybe the patients will." Haviland and Kasner created a "People's Blood Clot Survey," advertising on social media and via podcast interviews. "Within just a couple of weeks we received more than 1,400 responses. The patients are glad to tell their stories." Reports came from all over Europe and the Americas, from the Middle and Far East, and from Africa. Some reported for themselves, and others on behalf of loved ones.

The majority said that clotting issues began in 2021, after at least one Covid vaccine. Affected areas of the body vary (e.g., legs, lungs, brain, heart, abdomen), but Haviland's percentages match those of CDC's V-Safe data. "It gives me confidence that the people responding to the survey did so accurately and honestly," Haviland says.

Most telling are the comments, some of which are heart wrenching: an otherwise healthy mother who suffered a stroke after her first booster and died five days later; a 45-year-old athlete and mother of five who collapsed while working out and died; a man who arrived in the emergency room without a pulse in his lower extremities — in each case, medical teams removed huge white, fibrous clots from the victims.

One respondent who fits patients for compression garments commented, "My business has increased three times what it was in 2023, and the number of young people are shocking…. Most clots are in the legs, but several have expressed that the clots extend into their groins, chest, and one that went into the person's neck from their foot."

And when the clots are removed? "My whistleblower in Florida says that they're just being thrown away," Haviland says. "They're not being sent to pathology."

Federal agencies are likewise ignoring the evidence. "The last three years I've turned in the results of my survey to the Food & Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the National Institutes of Health," Haviland says. "They don't seem to have the least bit of interest." This is particularly alarming because, as McCullough told *The New American* in 2022, prior to Covid, pharmaceutical drugs were routinely pulled from the market if reported deaths reach 50 — not *confirmed* deaths, and not deaths *proven* attributable to the drug — only *reported* deaths.

Trust, but Verify

Is the tide likely to turn, now that outspoken vaccine critic Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is heading the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services? He shocked supporters with his March 2 op-ed for *Fox News* in which he pegged the controversial MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine as a "crucial" solution to the recent measles outbreak in Texas.

Then there's Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, whom Trump tapped to lead the National Institutes of Health. An outspoken critic of lockdowns and mandates, he has, however, expressed approval of Covid-19 vaccines. In a 2023 Hoover Institution interview, he agreed with a statement from former National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases head Dr. Anthony Fauci that the vaccines "do protect quite well against severe disease leading to hospitalization and death."

However, Haviland remains cautiously optimistic. "Trust, but verify," he quips. "Even though Bobby and Jay are in charge now, I'm a little concerned because the MAHA [Make America Heathy Again] movement seems more concerned with things like red dyes in food and fluoride in the water." Though he acknowledges those as important issues, he says the clots should take precedence.

He also points out that neither of the agencies those men lead is constitutionally authorized, and "the whole apparatus is still in place to lock us down again, make us mask up again, make us take shots again." Moreover, Big Pharma is invested in mRNA and lipid nanoparticle technology. "They want to do RSV, shingles, bird flu, regular flu, more Covid shots, cancer drugs," Haviland cautions. "We're going to continue running the surveys until we get this mRNA technology taken off the market."

Haviland and Kasner are already planning a 2025 embalmer's survey. However, the "People's Survey" is ongoing and available at surveymonkey.com/r/2024PeoplesBloodClotSurvey. Respondents participate with guaranteed privacy; no one is identified or traced. "We turned off the IP tracking feature of SurveyMonkey because we wanted everyone to feel comfortable taking the survey," Haviland says.

Meanwhile, they are gaining traction. "The Tennessee Funeral Director's Association invited me to speak at their annual conference in June, and they plan to use my presentation as continuing education points for their embalmers," Haviland says. "So it gives me confidence that the dam is starting to break. Some of the associations are starting to recognize that this problem is not going away. We need to start talking about it." ■

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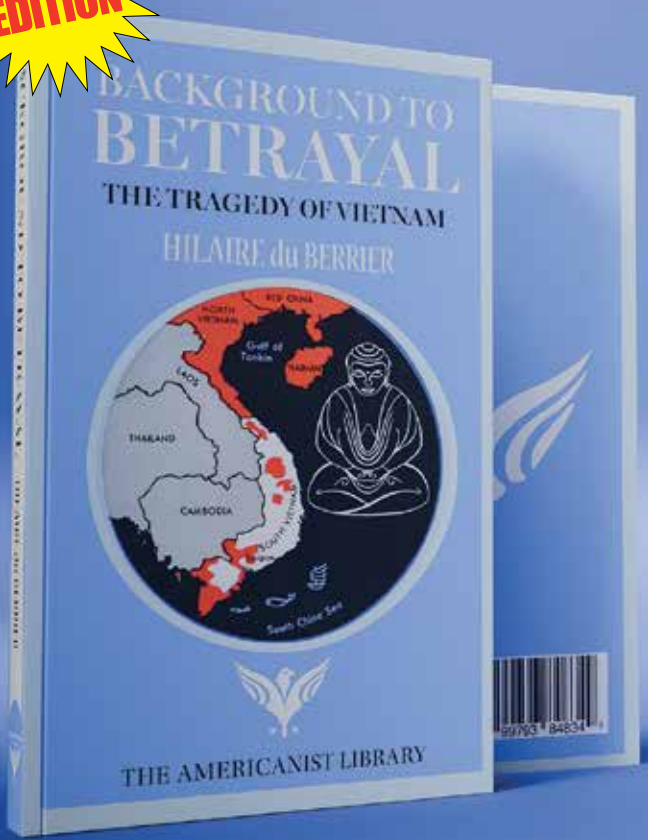

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The SAFER Voter Act: A Constitutional Imperative to Restore the Right of Young Adults to Keep and Bear Arms

by Joe Wolverton II, J.D.

What kind of republic tells an 18-year-old he is old enough to vote, to fight and die for his country, to sign binding contracts, to get married and raise a family — but not to purchase a handgun to defend himself or his family?

That's not a constitutional republic. That's a bureaucratic monstrosity with no regard for the Constitution, for liberty, or for the dignity of adulthood.

Thankfully, Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) is once again standing athwart tyranny and shouting, "No!" Massie has reintroduced H.R. 1643, the Second Amendment for Every Registrable (SAFER) Voter Act. The measure would repeal the unconstitutional federal law that prohibits 18-, 19-, and 20-year-olds from purchasing handguns from a federally licensed firearms dealer.

As Representative Massie puts it, "Why should a 20-year-old single mom be denied the right to defend herself and her children?"

That's a question no gun-grabber can answer without admitting their ultimate goal: a disarmed, dependent, and docile population.

Let's be clear: The Second Amendment does not say that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, unless they are under 21. It says, unequivocally, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

There is no asterisk, no footnote, and no exemption for federal licensing schemes or bureaucratic age restrictions.

The idea that a citizen can be trusted with the ballot box but not with the means of self-defense is absurd — and, more to the point, unconstitutional.

When the Second Amendment was ratified in 1791, the Founders had no trouble entrusting young adults with firearms. In fact, the very men they counted on to form the militia — the backbone of American defense — were precisely the 18- to 20-year-olds that today's federal law treats as second-class citizens.

Need proof? Look no further than the Militia Act of 1792, passed by the Second Congress and signed into law by President George Washington himself. That law mandated that every "able-bodied male citizen" aged 18 to 45 be armed and enrolled in the militia. Not only were young men allowed to have guns — they were required to.

The Founders did not believe the right to bear arms began at 21. They knew the right was inherent, God-given, and not to be trifled with by any level of government.

Yet here we are, more than two centuries later, permitting an unconstitutional law that strips rights from legal adults simply because some federal busybodies decided they couldn't be trusted. That's not prudence — it's paternalism. And it violates both the letter and the spirit of the Constitution.

That's why Representative Massie's SAFER Voter Act is not just good policy — it's a constitutional necessity.

And let's not pretend the age restriction was ever about safety. It's about control. Disarming young adults is a long-term strategy by gun-control advocates. If they can discourage and depress gun ownership in the early years of adulthood, they can break the cultural and constitutional chain that has bound Americans to their arms — and to their liberty — for generations.

The Left loves to cry "discrimination" in every other sphere of life. But when the discrimination involves denying law-abiding young adults the ability to defend themselves and exercise their God-given rights, the silence is deafening.

Let's call this what it is: age-based tyranny.

There is no constitutional clause that allows Congress — or the ATF — to divide Americans into groups and ration their rights based on age, race, income, or any other demographic label. The Second Amendment applies to *the people* — period. If you're old enough to vote, you're old enough to keep and bear arms.

And for those who claim that young adults are too immature or too impulsive to own handguns, I have two responses:

1) Then why are they allowed to join the military and be issued rifles and sidearms by the federal government?

2) If maturity is the test for rights, then let's apply that standard consistently — and see how many members of Congress would pass.

The SAFER Voter Act deserves our support. More than that, it deserves immediate passage. No more excuses. No more delays. No more unconstitutional infringements dressed up as "common sense."

The Constitution isn't a menu of privileges to be doled out by Washington bureaucrats — it's a charter of rights to be defended against them.

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THE REVIEW

The Promises of Going Nuclear

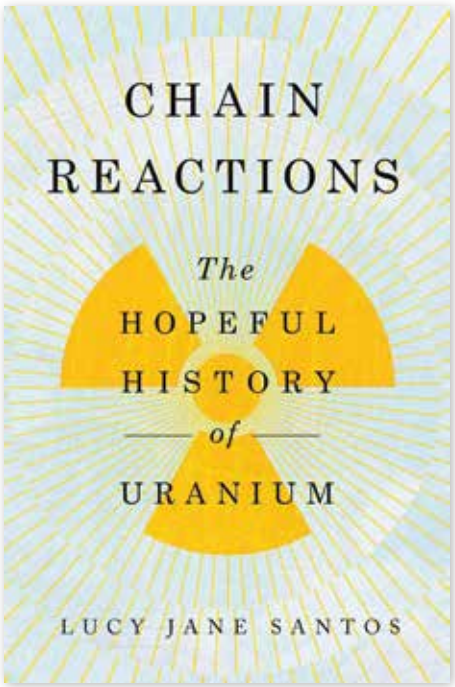
by William P. Hoar

***Chain Reactions: The Hopeful History of Uranium*,** by Lucy Jane Santos, New York: Pegasus Books, 2024, 288 pages, hardcover.

As you can learn from the U.S. Department of Energy and other relatively dry sources, uranium is a silvery-white metallic chemical element in the periodic table, with atomic number 92. It has the chemical symbol "U." Uranium metal is very dense, even more dense than lead; it also has the highest atomic weight of all naturally occurring elements.

Here is what is not excessively dense and overly weighty: the volume under review. Though packed with scientific and historic facts, the book also has more than its share of light-hearted moments, such as describing the range in Bohemia (now part of the Czech Republic) where an oxide of uranium was first isolated in 1789 and where early miners had their own theory about why that region might have been toxic, suspecting "evil mountain gnomes who were intent on punishing those who violated their underground domain."

For some time — post-gnome years, that is — uranium largely served as a colorant for ceramic glazes and for tinting in early photography. We find, for example, glassware being embraced by manufacturers and royalty — including "silver mounted candlesticks with prisms of topaz glass coloured with uranium that were presented to Queen Adelaide in 1836." And, in the same vein, there were 12 finger bowls made by British glass manufacturer Whitefriars, which were made of "uranium topaz glass that were used by the Corporation of London Banquets for the new queen, Victoria," in 1837.



There's also another use ("one of the strangest," in the view of the author) that might make you crack a smile, drawn from the *Scientific American* in 1847 — when uranium (along with other metals) was used as "a colouring agent for artificial teeth." The result, we learn, was an "orange-yellow hue." How primitive, you might say: After all, today's technology gives us Bluetooth.

Nevertheless, the author does resist (even if we do not) making flippant comments about having a blast, or scientists looking radiant, or referring to fission as a process where breaking up is actually productive, but her entertaining style when discussing complicated issues does tend to make matters penetrable even to a layman. She also, for the most part, presents the historical events as they appear without what might be called (on this side of the Atlantic) mocking Monday-morning quarterbacking because of later discoveries.

Illuminating Early Years

We do get nibbles of other elements, including vanadium and radium, in *Chain Reactions: The Hopeful History of Uranium*. This includes, as you might imagine, more on Marie Sklodowska Curie and other Curie family members. That was a focus of Lucy Jane Santos's earlier work, *Half Lives: The Unlikely History of Radium.* An expert in the history of the 20th century with a particular interest in the cultural history of radioactivity, Santos is the executive director of the British Society for the History of Science.

In *Chain Reaction*, Santos outlines how the United States, starting around 1911-1913, became "the dominant player in the radium market, producing 80 per cent of the world's supply, most of which was either used in medicine or in self-luminous paint."

Before the Atomic Era, it was clearly a different time. The supposed health

benefits of radium resulted in spa guests who bathed in water rich with radioactivity as well as inhaling radon gas. The author also gives us a preview of what is to come, noting that spas such as the Radium Palace Hotel (it currently has a slightly different name) were founded (in Jáchymov, Czech Republic, previously known as Joachimsthal. This is the town today called "The Cradle of the Atomic Age"). During its peak years, we read, that hotel welcomed "approximately 2,500 guests annually." This included "J. Robert Oppenheimer, a young physicist, who would later head the Los Alamos Laboratory [in New Mexico], where radioactive elements had a very different purpose."

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By that time, uranium-bearing ore had been found in mines in what is now called the Four Corners, where New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado meet.

The author takes readers on a road trip to find out how scientists worked to make sense of the inner workings of the atom. You need not dig out your old notes from high-school chemistry and physics classes (one does wish, however, that a Periodic Table was included in *Chain Reactions*); she does bring readers up to date. We stop for a bit to review the work of English physicist J.J. Thomson, who identified the electron, a subatomic particle. Thereafter, Thomson

> suggested that the atom was made up of negative electrons spread through a sphere of positive charges. In this model, electrons were envisaged as plums dotted through a pudding — which is why it was know as the "plum pudding model."

After a bit, we jump to January 1931, when a prototype of the Berkeley cyclotron was first successfully demonstrated.

We don't get blueprints, but we do get introduced to Ernest Lawrence and his graduate student Milton Stanley Livingston (who turned the "idea of 'a proton merry-go-round' into reality"). Most readers probably are unfamiliar with accelerating atoms through a vacuum and using electromagnetics to induce collisions of up to 25,000 miles per second. Fear not. You can still picture this, as described in *Chain Reactions*:

> Lawrence was kept abreast of all the breakthroughs, with one particularly memorable telegram sent to him in August of that year: "Dr Livingston has asked me to advise you that he has obtained 1,100,000 volt protons. He also suggested that I add 'Whoopee'!"

Manhattan Project

One of the key sections of the book is how various streams of atomic efforts were merged during World War II. Readers probably do not know it by its initial codename: Development of Substitute Materials. That was later renamed the Manhattan Energy District, "the location of its first headquarters, or the Manhattan Project for short."

That project cost $2 billion, we read (though that means little in terms of the relative values of the dollar). Adjusted for inflation, that equates to nearly $36 billion in 2025. At its peak, writes Santos, the project "employed 130,000 individuals across 30 sites, most of whom had no idea about the true nature of what they were contributing to."

At Oak Ridge, Tennessee (codenamed Site X), an entire town was constructed, with tens of thousands of workers, for the project, so there would be enough pure U-235 metal for bombs. This included operators (the "Calutron Girls"), and their history is still on display at Oak Ridge. We do think a photo or two of these women would be more valuable in *Chain Reactions* than some of the puerile pictures that do appear (yes, even more than cartoon character Homer Simpson, as a toy, depicting "Interactive Nuclear Power Plant Environment with Radioactive Homer").

The women, as Santos does note, worked six days a week for about 10 hours a day, sitting on stools.

> It was their job to watch a voltage dial and adjust the knobs to keep the needle pointing straight up, correcting the slight voltage variations that occurred.
>
> Those operators are now known as the "Calutron Girls," and were mostly young women who were just out of high school. This level of education was deemed important, as their training focused solely on the movements essential to their specific job, without delving into the scientific principles behind it.

This book doesn't delve in any great detail into morality or military necessity, or lack thereof, of the war or the use of atomic bombs. It notes, straightforwardly, that the mission of Robert Oppenheimer at Los Alamos was to turn plutonium and enriched uranium into bombs. The bald numbers of the outcome only give a hint of what occurred in the explosions in Japan and the resultant fallout. Santos cites U.S. military estimates that some 70,000 lost their lives in Hiroshima,

> although subsequent evaluations have suggested that the actual death rate was 140,000. At Nagasaki the total mortality rate was reported as being 70,000. For those who survived the explosion, the aftermath was also horrific. The radioactive fallout, literally black rain that fell from the sky a few hours after, was a deadly consequence.

The author also notes, without much further comment, that Gallup polls in 1945 indicated that only 17 percent of Americans "saw the bomb as a 'bad thing.'" There were celebratory cocktails served at the Washington Press Club and Trader Vic's in Los Angeles. The latter's "A-bomb" cocktail was reportedly "a mixture of rum, blue curaçao and dry ice to make it bubble and smoke."

If there is one significant area that is largely overlooked in this book, it is atomic espionage. Just for the record, one can make the case — which is done by Herbert Romerstein and Eric Breindel in *The Venona Secrets: Exposing Soviet Espionage and America's Traitors* (2000) — that Soviet dictator Stalin was well informed of the atom bomb long before U.S. President Harry Truman. Soviet intelligence, as they noted, was "regularly reporting to the Kremlin on top secret British-American atom projects as early as 1941." Truman, on the other hand, "was not briefed on it until April 1945, shortly after he was sworn in as president."

From Censoring to Prospecting to Combating

The post-war nuclear arms race and how the public reacted to it (or were manipulated from one direction to another, then pushed back again) should be a valuable reminder about how governments can sway populaces. Press stories about atomic research fell under a "cloak of silence" in the United States, and they are hard to justify even during wartime (or Cold War) exigencies. The U.S. Office of Censorship — which you might not have read about in public-school accounts — told newspapers, weeklies, and radio stations not to use "terms like 'atom-splitting', 'atomic energy' and 'nuclear fission'" in their articles and broadcasting, notes Santos.

The chapters called "Atomic Predictions," "Uranium Fever," and "Atomic Cities" — at the core of *Chain Reactions* — are particularly strong. Reviewed is the period when uranium prospecting was a thing; Piper Super Cubs were equipped with "dangling scintillometers" to detect radiation; uranium stock became popular (although warnings were given in *Popular Mechanics* about "Lunar Uranium Stock"); and numerous publications carried ads for Geiger counters. Santos also relates an episode (in 1958) of *The Lucy-Desi Comedy Hour* that provided instructions about such devices, where "Lucy convinces the gang — and guest star Fred MacMurray — to go uranium hunting in the desert outside of Las Vegas." This was seemingly an era when you could glow crazy, considering that there were (really) "Miss Atomic Bomb" competitions.

While Santos doesn't bring up how the "Green New Deal" crowd in recent years promoted electric Tesla vehicles for supposedly saving the environment (until that dramatically changed when the company's CEO became anathema because he was an ally of a U.S. president hated by progressives), she does remind us about when atomic-powered cars were earlier much-desired vehicles. She cites the proposed Studebaker-Packard Astral and the Arbel-Symétric. The latter, she writes, "featured an innovative 'Genesatom' generator powered by nuclear fuel." For its part, Ford claimed that its Nucleon concept car would have a range of 5,000 miles before needing to be recharged.

Chain Reactions also serves as an antidote to the outrageous exaggerations made about what happened at the 1979 accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania, at Chernobyl in the Ukrainian SSR in 1986, and at Fukushima Daiichi in Japan in 2011. The author finds it "interesting," as honest readers no doubt will, that Three Mile Island was an incident "with no immediate injuries, or direct health effects and no significant environmental damage," yet it essentially ruined an industry.

For those with short memories, we are reminded of when the coal industry largely adhered to an (unofficial) agreement not to compete with the nuclear industry — and then turned dramatically in the opposite direction. Santos also recalls when the Sierra Club had a different enemy (hydropower) with its then-slogan "Atoms Not Dams."

Santos arguably ends her treatise a bit too abruptly, though she does correctly point out that nuclear power's "safety record over the last seven decades (18,000 reactor years) is comparable with solar and wind." And she also adds context to certain arguments of competitors, noting, "Ash from coal power plants contains uranium and thorium, carrying radiation into the environment at a much larger rate than any from a nuclear power plant."

While we can pick at certain points, the contentions made in *Chain Reactions* are generally sound. Still, and sadly, it remains the case that, although lying does irritate many people, telling the truth can be even more annoying. ■

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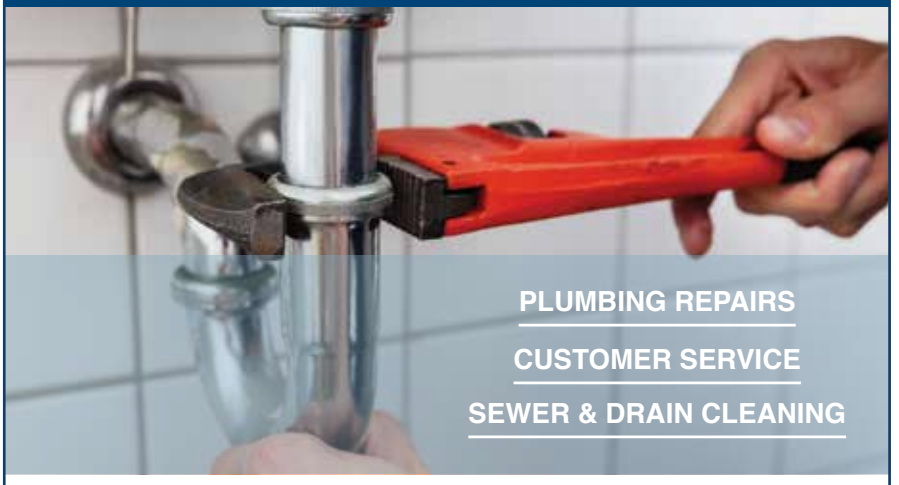

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Covering Up Communist Murder

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John Birch

Every now and then, an exceedingly useful word is invented, only to be discarded and forgotten without replacement. One such word is "credenciveness," a 19th-century coinage describing the predisposition to accept as truth whatever we are told. Being credencive is not the same as being credulous, the latter term implying a certain naïveté. Credenciveness is one of the traits that allows us to sustain society at all. If we lived in a state of perpetual skepticism, civilized interaction would be impossible. Hence, we are predisposed to trust, to believe, and to accept, unless given ample reason to think otherwise.

This faculty is routinely exploited by the powerful and unscrupulous. Understanding that the illegitimate exercise of power depends upon deception, our would-be ruling elites like to encourage the notion that government is honest and credible, and that corruption and coverup are the exception and not the rule. We Americans are particularly vulnerable to such distortions because, as the inheritors of the best government yet devised by worldly powers, we have been less victimized by venality in high places than have been the longsuffering multitudes of the Old World.

While certain big coverups, such as those surrounding the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Kennedy assassination, and the Gulf of Tonkin incident, have generated popular interest, the murder of John Birch by Chinese communists and ensuing coverup remain virtually unknown to the general public. The news is now saturated with stories about Communist China — the bitter trade war, the preparations for invasion of Taiwan, the fentanyl crisis, the massive military buildup, the Uighur genocide, the attacks on the Philippines, and on and on. But why has Communist China been allowed to become immensely rich and powerful, despite its genocidal history, undisguised brutality, and atheistic contempt for individual liberty? Why are Trump's tariffs and other anti-China measures even remotely controversial? Why is there any hesitancy whatsoever in decoupling American trade from a regime that has vowed to destroy us?

The answers to all of these questions are bound inextricably with the fate of an American Baptist missionary-turned-soldier, John Birch. Birch went to preach in China in 1940, and learned the language and culture rapidly. Even as the conflagration of war burned all around him, he tried to spread the Gospel in eastern China. After the United States was drawn into the war, Birch came in contact with the American military — with Jimmy Doolittle and his flight crew, who, having bombed Tokyo in April 1942, flew their aircraft as far as they could into China and tried to avoid capture by the Japanese. Birch helped smuggle them to safety and then volunteered to serve in the U.S. military, his fluent Chinese a rare asset.

A few days after the war ended, on a military patrol Birch encountered a band of Chinese Communists, who tried to disarm him. When he refused to surrender his sidearm, they shot him in the head and threw his body in a ditch. The episode was carefully concealed from the American people, because the Powers That Be did not wish to tarnish the image of Mao Zedong and his band of cutthroats. The Communists were "agrarian reformers," Americans were told, a narrative that did not square with the cold-blooded killing of an American missionary. And while many of the horrors of Chinese Communism — the Great Leap Forward, the Cultural Revolution, and Tiananmen Square — did puncture the reassuring narrative, the American people have been conditioned to see the modern CCP as susceptible to liberalization, reformed, different from its Maoist roots, and so forth. After all, there's money to be made trading with China; what are a few dead missionaries, or a few tens of millions of liquidated Chinese peasants, against the cold calculus of globalist dealmaking?

So, John Birch was memory-holed, until Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, found information about him buried in official records.

But, say credencive souls, this was not a coverup, but just the indifferent machinery of Washington bureaucracy at work. Surely no one in our government would be so malevolent as to cover up such a dastardly deed on purpose!

Indeed they would, and did. And China, and the entire world, is immeasurably the worse for it, as current events attest. ■

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